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UNDERGROUND ECONOMY PREFERRED BY CITIZENS

Vienna DIE PRESSE in German 12 Apr 84 p 3

[Article by Peter Martos: "Everything Stagnates, **Except** Statistics"]

[Text] On this still cool spring weekend, Wenceslas Square belongs to the young. Some saunter in front of the coffee shop of the Ambassador Hotel, eating ice cream; those more sensitive to the cold populate the underpass in front of the imposing National Museum; some are chewing a "Czech hamburger," a piece of ground meat in a hard roll.

This "biftek korunki" costs Kcs 5.10 at a Prague street vendor's, and "zmrzlina," the unpronounceable ice cream, costs between 1 and 3 korunas, depending on size. An apprentice who did not join his parents at the weekend cottage can easily spend his weekly "income" on state trade on one Sunday.

And this, although restaurants open to locals are quite cheap. A tasty lunch can be had for Kcs 15 which would easily cost Kcs 120 at a hotel. But the young, as in other large cities, suffer from a chronic shortage of money.

Of course, whoever in Czechoslovakia depends on the average wage of Kcs 2,700, shares their lot because prices, with the exception of food and rent, are rather steep: one month's salary for a tape recorder; according to statistics, a CSSR citizen must work almost 5 months for cheap stereo equipment. The same differentiation between food and luxury items, such as entertainment electronics, is also reflected in automobiles where prices are "split": a locally produced Skoda can be had for less than Kcs 50,000 while a Fiat Uno, a coveted novelty on the automobile market, costs no less than Kcs 120,000.

This is called "absorption of consumption" in official parlance and is applied particularly to goods which must be imported, or whose production is raw material-intensive and energy-intensive. Which describes the most important slogan of the present Czechoslovakian scene: whatever costs foreign currency is offered at fantastic prices.

The State Planning Commission formulates it this way: the current, seventh 5-year plan (to 1985) provides for "intensification of the economy." "That means: better utilization of materials, less capital investment, less energy use, intensified exports," according to general information provided willingly by press spokesman Rudolf Cerny, an engineer. After having been satisfied with growth rates below 1 percent at the beginning of the eighties, the effectiveness of the restrictive policies in the previous year came as a surprise. A 2.7 percent increase in national income and a trade balance surplus of no less than 1 billion dollars has made the planners ambitious: for this year, they are planning on a 3 percent growth rate.

Debts to the West to Be Held Down

Again, will this not be at the expense of the population? The official answer comes promptly: "The standard of living is to be kept up, according to the decisions of the Party Congress." The CSSR would certainly not follow the Polish example and go heavily into debt, just to satisfy exaggerated consumer demands.

The statisticians in the monumental state planning building on the bank of the Moldau admit that it is not only a decision in principle to hold debts owed to the West as low as possible--at the turn of the year, only little more than 2 billion dollars--; investment is also impeded by a lack of capacities. On the one hand, all efforts are concentrated on a few large projects, such as construction of the third Metro line through Prague; on the other hand, all factories work at capacity. They must produce primarily for export. Of course: if credits with favorable interest are offered and technology can be had cheaply, Prague won't play hard to get...

Although CSSR functionaries do not like to see their country compared, memories stir unbidden in Prague. For instance, memories of Hungary: just like a few years ago at the Budapest Fischerbastei [Fisherman's bastion], the Western foreigner is invariably approached at the Altstaedter Ring to see if he would like to exchange money. The "exchange rate" of these black marketeers is sometimes more favorable than in Viennese banks (65 groschen for 1 koruna). Despite preferential treatment for tourists, the official rate in Prague is almost 2 schillings for 1 koruna. Is it surprising that Austrians feel fleeced paying 55 koruny for a hotel breakfast?

Under these circumstances, "moonlighting" thrives particularly well. Repair work is done on a barter basis, in view of inadequate official performance--for example, for a transistor radio brought from Vienna, or for patronage.

But in this regard, the planners do not accept Hungary which tries to improve the service sector through private initiative, as a model. "Non-collective initiative" is acceptable only in agriculture. For some time now, collective farmers have had the chance to increase their wages through selling garden produce on the side.

"Performance of services is ensured and enlarged by the national committees," states Cerny, rebuffing speculation that one might conceivably learn from Budapest. "The people have secure incomes, they don't even want to bear the risk of small businesses;" this is the strictly un-ideological explanation for continued centralization.

It is not a contradiction that the trusts are getting more leeway, at least in decisions concerning the range of products and small investment: "we want to keep basic decision-making on the development of the economy in our hands."

Money remains the sole performance incentive. Workers can now earn up to 20 percent more if their factory makes a profit; managers even have a chance to double their income.

A critical spirit opines that "the true reason for everything stagnating here, except statistics, is the tight net of controls. If I go over 50 percent of my production quota, I earn 20 percent more. But if I work exactly according to the plan, I can triple my income by working on my own, at night."

And he can regale himself and his wife on Friday night in the basement restaurant "U pavouka" (At the Spider's). This worker has sold his little house 70 km north of Prague. Had gasoline become too expensive for him, or had the West Bohemian environmental pollution gotten too much for him? "Oh no; I am saving for a larger apartment. And we also want to travel, now that the children are older." His son spent Sunday on Wenceslas Square.

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SCENES FROM EVERYDAY LIFE, STATE VS. PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

Hamburg DIE ZEIT in German 30 Mar 84 p 22

[Article by J. Nawrocki: "Connections Are Everything: Private Initiative Makes Lives of Citizens Easier"]

[Text] "The first thing we had to get used to in doing our shopping is not automatically to ask 'is there any...?' It is not until the salesgirls look at us in astonishment that it comes back to us that we are in the West and not in the GDR any more." That is the type of story former GDR citizens tell after living in the FRG for a few days.

In the GDR, every shopping expedition starts out with just such a question: "Is there any linen" or "are there any bicycle tubes?" To get goods of this type, one either has to look around for a long time or have good connections. But if people complain about short supplies on the trolley, at the plant or even at party meetings, they are put down with the comment: "Comrade, you are not debating the right way!"

Many GDR citizens have therefore concluded that it simply is not worth the effort for even if one works very hard, the supply picture does not improve; the plant does not operate more efficiently and one does not get more pleasure out of one's job. The result is that everyone just keeps muddling through, doing what is absolutely necessary on the job and saving his energy for the procurement of scarce goods, for beautifying the apartment or summer cottage or for the off hours which are short enough as it is.

As long ago as 1977, Rudolf Bahro, who was familiar with the insides of the GDR economy, wrote in his book, "Die Alternative" [The Alternative]: "It is not vindictiveness but rather stupidity which has led some bourgeois propagandists to the conclusion that our propaganda calling for better qualitative and above all quantitative utilization of working hours is a reflection of strong pressure to perform on the job. The truth is, of course, that both labor intensity and work discipline are lower [in the GDR] than under capitalism."

And that is still the way it is today, as conversations with resettled GDR citizens have shown.

"Your first encounter with listlessness occurs when you graduate from high school and look for a particular type of training program to enroll in or a specific course of study to pursue," says a man who came from Jena. "You get called in for a so-called reorientation-of-studies session and after that, you can just about kiss all your dreams goodbye. And later on, when you start working in some factory, the people who have the important jobs are usually incompetent because the party seems to think it is safer to give the key positions to ideological toadies than to people who know what they are doing. The workers are no less industrious than those in the West; they just do not get much of a kick out of their work any more. Oftentimes, they just shout at each other. But it is the foremen who are worst off. The workers keep complaining to them: "Where are the materials?" and the managers are constantly after them, saying: "Where is the production?"

The lack of flexibility inherent in a planned economy is the most important cause of all the economic problems of the GDR and despite constant, albeit very careful adjustments of the economic system—most recently involving modifications in the wage system as well as agricultural pricing—actual economic operations have, if anything, become even more cumbersome and narrow-gauged.

There are two reasons for this. On the one hand, there is the imperative need to conserve energy brought on by the oil crisis and the restrictions on Soviet oil deliveries and on the other hand, there is the GDR's shortage of foreign exchange as well as its foreign debt which forces it to export as many goods to the West as possible while importing as little as possible from there in return.

With respect to energy conservation, there is an instructive and typical story from Jena. The local transportation department operates taxicabs for passenger and goods use along with buses and trucks. At one time, there were 40 passenger taxicabs for all of Jena, a city with 100,000 inhabitants. The taxis were driven in two shifts. There were two drivers for each and at night there were usually between 15 and 20 vehicles on the streets—which was never enough. Particularly on holidays such as New Year's Eve and during the carnival season there were often as many as 100 people waiting at the taxicab stands.

When the GDR instituted a drastic energy conservation program in 1979, it was decreed that taxicabs were a luxury and that they had to go. Every shift could use no more than 15 liters of gasoline. In addition, old vehicles were taken out of circulation and the drivers concerned were either transferred to the repair shops which, for all that, had fewer vehicles to repair now or else they had to look for another job.

As a consequence of the fuel cutbacks, the remaining drivers' earnings declined dramatically. Up to then, they had been earning between 2,500 and 3,000 marks per month. Aside from waiters, cab drivers are among the highest earners in the GDR because they receive generous tips.

These cutbacks resulted in an oversupply of labor and an undersupply of work at the repair shop. The taxis had to be used for group trips which made for long detours and then, of course, there was an increase in unauthorized trips.

On Kosmonaut Square, the main square in Jena, one would find three or four state-owned taxis waiting upon an evening and across from the official cab stand up to 40 more illegal cabs waiting for customers. People would ask these drivers whether they were perhaps going in this or that direction and it would turn out that that was indeed where they were going and as long as they did not quote a price they were not even breaking any laws. The passengers would say "that's the way to do it, boys" and pay for the gas which is what a regular cab ride would also have cost. The authorities were aware of what was going on and looked the other way.

It was working out to everyone's advantage. The transportation department was saving fuel, according to plan; the inhabitants of Jena did not have to walk at night and the car owners—most of them state taxi drivers during regular working hours or unemployed applicants for an exit visa—were making several thousand marks a month. And the gas stations for privately owned vehicles where fuel was not rationed came up with bigger sales.

It is a particularly difficult problem to find more productive jobs for no longer needed workers. In the GDR, too, the times of labor shortages are over. A situation has arisen which is not supposed to arise under socialism: there is both visible and above all invisible unemployment caused by an undersupply of work.

A number of former GDR citizens are saying that entire departments at VEB Carl Zeiss Jena which were working for export had stood still at intervals. "When there are no export orders, the workers just sit around playing cards." In 1982, so the report goes, the plant fulfilled only 8 percent of its export plan with export earnings at \$15 million instead of \$180 million. The reason given is that there were missed opportunities in the development of new products.

Some time ago, the GDR press criticized the fact that a factory had to pay a fine for not having fulfilled its scrap metal plan goals. The reason for it was that the factory had made more economical use of its metals which in turn resulted in less scrap. In other words, the materials had been used in a more efficient way and the fine was thus counter-productive and the original complaint about non-fulfillment of the scrap plan made no sense whatever.

The GDR citizens have even more unbelievable things to tell about day-to-day operations. At the LEW Hennigsdorf plant, two practically finished subway cars were taken apart again because of minor paint defects just so the scrap plan would come out right. At Jenapharm, originally new and never used pipes which had been rusting in the yard for years were tossed on the scrap heap for the same reason.

Often enough, machinery or even entire installations stand idle for lack of a single spare part which is either unavailable or cannot be bought because the particular plant does not have the required foreign exchange. This, for example, was the reason why a polishing machine at the Eisenberg furniture combine was out of commission for months. Production as a whole broke down.

Too Many Desks

At a printing plant which is supposed to print one million sheets per shift four printing presses were idle for a long time. To correct the problem, the remaining three presses now turned out 300,000 sheets per shift instead of 250,000. That did not fulfill the entire plan but it did enable the plant to report a 20-percent overfulfillment of the plan per machine.

There also are other consequences plan fulfillment may have. At some plants it has been known to happen that the workers have nothing to do at the end of the year because the suppliers managed to fulfill their plan ahead of time and simply stop delivering—resting on their laurels and preparing the way for fulfilling next year's plan.

"There are just too many desks in the GDR," one of the resettled GDR citizens says, "and they are all lined up like hurdles." There are very few ways of clearing these hurdles. One of them is the toughness of able and influential managers who know how to outfox the bureaucracy and another is the cleverness of private merchants and artisans augmented by purchases based on good connections as well as well-functioning black markets.

A perfect example of this type of robust manager is Wolfgang Biermann, the director-general of VEB Carl Zeiss Jena, who had already made a name for himself as head of a machine tool plant in East Berlin. Biermann is the uncrowned king of Jena who inspires fear and respect. Even now that they have reached West Berlin, former Jena residents are still arguing about whether Biermann is the sorely needed rod of iron that took care of laziness and incompetence or whether he is a tyrant who pitilessly rids himself of personnel he no longer wants and has even driven some of his employees to the verge of suicide. But they all agree that Biermann has succeeded in getting things moving in ways which would have been the undoing of many another man. "If things do not run properly, he just takes off for Berlin and sets them straight." Biermann is a member of the SED central committee—which means that doors are open for him which others find closed.

But then there also is the ingenuity and efficiency of private businessmen in the GDR. Even the SED has at long last taken notice of it. Egon Krenz, a member of the Politburo and a possible successor to Erich Honecker, just recently called attention to this fact.

The SED organ NEUES DEUTSCHLAND indirectly referred to remarks he had made on the subject in a speech. "Egon Krenz pointed out that everyone knows that our party looks upon the consumer needs of our population as a priority political goal," the newspaper said. "A stable supply structure calls on the local authorities to provide for a corresponding commercial setting. And this, in turn, calls for support for small private restaurants and businesses and for the issuance of licenses to these operations which are of such importance for the satisfaction of consumer needs."

Cross-Country Shopping Trips

Private businessmen and artisans tend to be more enterprising than all the HO shop managers. They roam the whole country to buy goods; they have good connections and they have their regular customers. While the HO meat markets let down the shutters by midday often enough so as to let people know there is nothing left, private butchers in Jena rarely run out; but that means roaming the countryside.

Equally well known throughout Jena is the owner of a private chemist's shop as well as another businessmen who actually owns three stores: a spice shop, a china shop and a fashion boutique. They, too, travel throughout the republic to assemble their stock and always carry items that cannot be obtained anywhere else. "These are the kind of people that improve the commercial setting and not the HO functionaries," is what the people of Jena say.

Connections are what counts. An artisan who provides the manager of the local car dealership with flagstones for his dacha will not have to wait the customary 12 to 14 years for his car but will be able to assume the cancelled contract of some other buyer.

Anyone who is in the army, whose members are not only supposed to defend socialist culture but also to be acquainted with it and are therefore supplied with books on a preferential basis, will be able to pass copies of Stefan Heym's "Koenig David Bericht" [King David Report], of one of Hermann Hesse's books or of James Joyce's "Ulysses" on to friends—all of them books which can otherwise only be obtained under the counter.

It also appears that preference is given to book deliveries to towns which include a lot of workers in order to raise the level of culture—or else that workers simply do not read as much. At any rate, in Gera, for example, a book can still be gotten that has long since been sold out in a high-brow town like Jena with its universities, colleges and research institutes.

If a person has Western money—which has long since become an alternate, underground currency in the GDR—he can buy just about anything. For a long time, advertisements in the newspapers used to read as follows: "Looking for hot water heater, offering blue tiles." Every insider knew perfectly well that blue tiles are a synonym for the blue IM 100 bills. But one day, even the SSD got wise to the meaning of this code word and, since they exercise control over all newspaper advertisements, put a stop to its use.

At the automobile black market each Saturday in front of Leipzig's central stadium, one can buy any car from a Trabant to a Citroen. Frequent visitors to the market have noticed that the same people appear among the sellers time after time. They are not selling their own cars which they have driven for years but are in fact regular salesmen who obtain the automobiles they offer from God knows where.

There is a joke dealing with the supply situation and the bureaucracy which is making the rounds in the GDR at present. It goes this way: Erich Honecker wants to find out what the per capita number of pigs is. The breeder-brigadiers go through a careful count and come up with the figure of one pig per inhabitant. The LPG chairmen are not satisfied with this figure and simply double it to two pigs per inhabitant. And so on up the line—to the Kreis council, the district council, the agriculture ministry departments all the way up to the minister himself; then on to the SED secretariat, to the secretary for agriculture—and at every step of the way still another pig is added. And by the time the statistics get to Honecker, the number of pigs per inhabitant has climbed to 11. "Fine," Honecker says, "in that case, let us export one of them."

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EXPENSE OF ROBOTS DEMANDS THEIR FULL EXPLOITATION

Erfurt DAS VOLK in German 5 Apr 84 p 3

[Article by K. Bliedtner: "When Are Robots Cost Effective?"]

[Text] When the Czech author Karel Capek coined the term "robot" he never dreamed that it would some day become a household word. In his play entitled RUR ("Rossums Universal Robots") which had its premiere in Prague on 25 January 1921, he for the first time pointed up problems facing a society as artificial beings are utilized on a mass scale.

When we talk about robots today, we are thinking of programmable automatic mechanisms which automate work processes through the independent handling of work pieces, tools, or materials. At the end of last year, the GDR national economy was using 32,000 such industrial robots, including 3,887 in Erfurt Bezirk. This year we want to take another definite step forward in our use of robots. Out of the 11,700 industrial robots to be employed according to plan, 1,000 will be found in the combines and enterprises of Erfurt Bezirk. In so doing we are guided by the appeal that was confirmed in the activity report addressed to the SED bezirk delegate conference: "The comprehensive intensification of the national economy demands that we tie technical and technological progress closely together with the rationalization of production and that we automate interconnected technological processes."

Not Just a Question of Economy

The industrial robots, which had been installed in Erfurt Bezirk by the end of last year, represent assets worth M518.5 million. This is certainly a respectable amount. But that is not the only thing that again and again urges us to ask this searching question: How well are we using our robots and how well do we get them to run? The "steel helpers" of the first generation which are involved here above all can--when electronically controlled--very exactly perform motions in various directions as often as desired and without getting tired. They also proved themselves excellently in welding and lacquering, during the charging of furnaces with work pieces, and similar monotonous activities. This was done moreover in aggressive work environments as a result of which it has been possible already to release many workers from activities that were hazardous to their health.

So, how are we multiplying these economic and social-policy assets? There is only one clear answer to that: We are still not doing enough with them!

On the average, at the end of 1983, only 1.2 worker was released per robot and machine utilization was only 12.1 hours per calendar day and that was even below the utilization level of highly-productive machines and systems.

Bright Spots and Dark Spots

If we cast further light at these figures, we find the following situation: The bezirk-level enterprises of the machine-tool and processing machine-building industry branch last year added 78 new industrial robots and achieved a utilization degree of 14.4 hours and managed to release 2.1 workers per machine utilization unit. In the light industry enterprises, last year's increase however only shows 12.1 hours utilization and 0.6 worker released. The utilization of the new robots in the electrotechnical-electronics industry is only 11.8 hours.

If we compare individual enterprises with each other, we find the following picture: The parent plant of the "Herbert Warnke" Shaping Equipment Combine in Erfurt holds a top position with 17.1 hours utilization for its 131 industrial robots. The planned increase of 34 last year was raised to 48 with the result that 2.3 workers can be released per machine utilization unit. The Sondershausen Electrical Wiring Plant also achieved good results with 2.5 workers released per robot, the Ruhla Electrical Wiring Plant had a figure of 3.7 and the Diedorf Thuringian Hosiery Factory came up with 2.6.

The economizing effect is completely inadequate in the Arnstadt Telecommunications Plant where, with 10 hours utilization, only 0.1 worker are released, in each case, in spite of the fact that 34 robots were added last year. The situation is not much better in the Stadtilm Drive Shaft Plant, the Waltershausen Vehicle Plant, and the Koellada Radio Plant or the "Karl Marx" Microelectronics VEB in Erfurt.

How to Start Them Running

If we ask about the causes of these still rather considerable differences, we find that those combines and enterprises are successful in robot utilization which have a sufficient head start in the development of new products and their practical large-scale production with modern technologies. Here the important thing is to include the rationalization equipment builders already in the brainstorming phase so that the designers will be able to develop their blueprints in keeping with automation requirements and so that they can thus already create the prerequisites for really complete rationalization of the entire production process. This kind of work is done in the best possible fashion where the government managers take the lead and assume personal responsibility.

In the light of this, the resolution of the bezirk delegate conference--to release at least 2.5 workers, each, for the 1,000 industrial robots of the year 1984 and to achieve multishift utilization--is a very realistic target. The requirement of saving as many workers as possible is so significant also because we can in this way get the skilled workers whom we need for example in the robot construction centers at Robotron-Rationalisierung Weimar, at the Solidor Combine in Heiligenstadt, or at the Gotha Engineering Bureau and Mechanization VEB. But experienced skilled workers should also increasingly raise the output capacity of rationalization equipment

construction in all enterprises because only the reconstruction of entire production sectors will guarantee the necessary effect from robot utilization.

The Generation Problem

In spite of all of the results we have achieved so far we must however not forget that we are just at the beginning when it comes to using the "steel helpers." The first-generation industrial robots can, all in all, handle only 3 percent of manual labor in production. The second-generation automatic handling machines, which are being developed at this time, will make it possible to automate 20-30 percent of all manual production processes. They are equipped with properties that enable them to assemble products. The experts use the term "sensors" in referring to these "sensory organs" whose data can constantly influence the program existing in the robot's computer brain. They are thus able to recognize parts, to put them into the correct position, or to correct defects. There is direct communication between robot and the environment as the result of a large number of measurement sensors and the highly-developed processing of their data.

Such automatic machines are not only very productive but also very expensive. Their optimum utilization is therefore a political and economic necessity and not an arbitrary matter. We must achieve that degree of productivity gain which is characteristic of the new stage in our economic strategy that Comrade Erich Honecker talked about at the Berlin Bezirk delegate conference. The way we manage to make these capacities effective will help decide the tempo of the further implementation of our policy as regards our primary mission. Anybody who so fully utilizes industrial robots as the shaping equipment workers at Erfurt and who, in using those robots, releases as many workers as the electrical utility workers at Ruhla, is making a worthy contribution to the 35th anniversary of the GDR and at the same time is properly adjusting to the tasks of the future.

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ARCHITECTS DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF INNER-CITY RESTORATION

East Berlin ARCHITEKTUR DER DDR in German Vol 33 No 3, Mar 84 pp 186-186

/Article by M. Muschter, Institute for Recording and Preservation of Monuments, Berlin: "Maintenance and Further Development of the Historically Determined Character of the Cities"/

/Excerpt/ This seminar was one of a total of five organized by central specialist groups or committees of the BdA/DDR /League of German Architects/GDR/ and held in 1983, the Karl Marx Year. They were largely devoted to the issue of the preservation of values and intensive urban development. As Prof H. Gericke, BdA vice president, stressed in his opening address, the seminar aimed in the meaning of this topic to provide orientations for the practical work of architects and urban developers.

This work assumes that international peace will be preserved and guarded. All our measures must therefore be appraised from the standpoint of the currently very tense situation in the confrontation of the world systems and ultimately classified among the highly topical efforts for the prevention of even greater and mankind threatening rearmament.

By the relevance of the contributions to the historically determined character of the cities, the seminar also represented a contribution to the preparation of the Seventh General Meeting of the International Council for Monuments and Memorial Areas (ICOMOS) to be held in May 1984 in Rostock and Dresden. To be examined at a scholarly symposium during this general meeting is the contribution of monuments to the definition of cultural identity.

The topic of the seminar was dealt with in the various reports citing examples of various areas transformed, in lectures on theory and in the subsequent discussion.

Professor Dr Deiters, chairman of the central specialist group "reconstruction," introduced his opening lecture by quoting from the 1976 Ninth SED Congress:

"By properly combining the old and the new, we preserve the historically determined character of our cities and, at the same time, add something new to them."

We have long absorbed into our consciousness the task to combine housing construction with preservation and reconstruction, so "that the historically determined cultural values and progressive features in the structure and appearance of the cities are preserved as much as possible and steadily better prerequisites created for the further development of the socialist lifestyle." This consciousness now forms part of the daily routine of our construction efforts.

E. Kaufmann, Rostock WBG /housing construction combine/, chairman of the BdA district group, raised the question why inner-city construction was being so heavily emphasized; after all, it should really be something quite normal in terms of urban construction and a smooth flowing process.

The aspects constantly preoccupying us in the accomplishment of the above mentioned task and at the same time precipitating qualitatively new problems are less and less concerned with the question "how" to carry it out; instead they increasingly concentrate on the urban construction-architectural quality achieved by intensive urban development. Decisive here is our comprehensive consideration for and development of our architectural heritage as a cultural heritage. Professor Deiters dealt in greater detail with this topic in his lecture on basic principles. He recalled the principles for the socialist development of urban construction and architecture, adopted in 1982 by the SED Politburo and the GDR Council of Ministers. These note, among other points, that the combination of the old with the new, the harmony and design quality of both elements in a new unity, exert a significant emotional effect on the citizens.

The lecturer called upon his listeners to study the criteria for the definition of the historical character of our settlements. They are to be found mainly in their special internal features as well as in their typical relations to the environment.

The building stock of our cities and villages, originating in the course of bourgeois development in the past 100 years, has largely determined their present shape. Though this stock does not entirely meet our requirements, we may certainly not deny the fact that it represents valuable basic assets in material and cultural terms and often includes progressive and artistic features of much importance. Its preservation was and is an integral element of our construction and cultural policy.

The share of individual and creative performances in the entire construction process is steadily growing in inner-city construction. Consequently the necessity arises to raise the responsibility and efficacy of architects in this process. This presumes that we develop the ability to analyze the existing values and objectives as well as produce conceptions from the aspect of structural design, economics and engineering.

Diploma Engineer M. Beyer, Rostock Bezirk architect, explained the basic plan of Rostock Bezirk with regard to the preservation and transformation of old inner-city districts. He dealt with the situation and plans in some kreis and medium-size cities, pointing out the necessity of urban construction analyses to allow us to arrive at specific criteria as the decisive factors for the respective general urban development plans.

In the meaning of guiding principles and as elements of the basic plan for the urban construction-architectural development of Rostock Bezirk, these criteria must be subjected to constant updating and precise definition.

Following this lecture describing the past and planned practical work in Rostock Bezirk, Dr K. Andrae, GDR Construction Academy, Institute for Urban Construction and Architecture, spoke on urban construction model plans for the inner cities of kreis cities.

Giving his report, Dr Andrae relied on concrete studies carried out lately in the centers of 135 kreis cities. He pointed out that the results of these studies could be extended by analogy to other city centers. The speaker emphasized three essential notions that should determine our future work:

1. "Upon a more profound analysis, the differences between city centers turn out to be much greater than some superficial similarities would tend to make us believe."

This means that such considerable differences arise between the various inner cities with respect to individual features important to planning, that these features must basically become the starting points of all planning. "Planning models are not transferable from one inner city to the other. The utmost caution must be exercised with respect to generalizations of any kind."

2. Inner cities are the most complex and heterogenous aspects of the city. Concentrated in them are local and supralocal social functions, "valuable and undesirable hermitages meet, and so do private and communal property, district heating and outhouses, new or well maintained buildings and total dilapidation." Despite the good and sometimes excellent work so far done in the kreis inner cities, we must admit that the material forces used were not enough structurally to improve and continue to use all the stock worth preserving. The importance of this statement, resulting from the above mentioned studies, was also emphasized in the subsequent discussion.

3. Plans and decisions affecting the inner cities must extend beyond 1990. For the sake of expediency they should be linked with the general construction development plans and are therefore not to be prepared by one or even a few institutions. The optimum city specific indices must be the basis of these plans, because customary planning normatives (such as residential density for residential districts, for example) are not transferable to inner cities.

Dr Andrae further dealt with the question why and for what reason urban model construction plans are of importance just now. He cited the strong population decline in the inner cities recorded since 1960 as well as the high average age of the remaining population. Poor housing conditions in the inner cities have caused much of the housing construction to move to the suburbs, and differences in standards were thus further emphasized. The problem of model planning is revealed with particular urgency when freshly painted outsides hide apartments difficult to rent or even boarded up.

The call for the best possible quality of planning focused on the subheading "architecture must be brought to bear on advance planning." Even if the construction volume is small, building projects in the inner city always represent

a major task. Various examples were cited for the fact that even single buildings, well designed and provided with a useful and site-appropriate function, are a considerable gain for the life of the city and the social claims of the citizens. Architects and all those involved in advance planning confront the responsible task as profoundly as possible to comprehend the unique nature of an inner city, adopt it as the starting point for all reflections and plan targets, and thereby more precisely define the positive features of a city.

Prof Dr A. Felz, Institute for Urban Development and Architecture at the GDR Construction Academy and deputy chairman of the central specialist group "reconstruction," talked of the various problems arising in inner-city construction and cited many examples. He dealt with trends and developments by analyzing the competition for inner-city construction for example, that had ended in March 1983. A catalogue for new housing construction in the inner city, drawn up by the Institute for Housing and Social Construction, utilizes the results of that competition. It is an interesting document able to offer a broad range of possibilities (adequate in most cases), provided its proposals and demands are realized. It is worth while to study the catalogue and do everything possible to make its proposals and recommendations prevail.

In the further course of his contribution, Professor Felz cast a critical eye on design problems such as building alignments, height adjustments and the issue of empty space or courtyard design. He also objected to the predilection for perfectionist and ultimate solutions. "All the plans we are sketching today represent an ultimate solution, as if we wanted to finally complete this or that area at a specific point in time. However, a city is never finished, not in 1990 nor in 2000; it is always on the move. And we will have to have the courage to postpone dealing with some problems rather than tackle them here and now at enormous expense and even then possibly get something less than perfect. We need regional development plans representing completed stages.

In this sense the most satisfactory treatment of the spatial structure of district development is not necessarily the one carefully filling in every gap. In any case, it often does no harm whatever to the building line if a new interior view is opened up. Some building gaps have been with us for 40 years and acquired at least the rights due to custom--often they are linked with habits and definite qualitative improvements for building in the interior of the area and the supply of open space."

One problem getting to be obvious as the result of increasing new housing construction in the inner city is that of the inadequate consideration of urban hygiene. Brought about by ground plan developments taking too little (if any) account of placing the apartment in relation to the location of rooms at the noisy or quiet sides of the building, almost incorrigible defects arise to the detriment of the residents. New ground plans must and can avoid such defects.

With regard to the architects' qualifications for handling the design tasks, Professor Felz cited the result of an internal Berlin competition involving new inner city brick buildings. This competition offered opportunities for

entirely new ground plans and facade drawings. It showed that the designers were much closer to prefabrication methods than to the features of the existing buildings. The lecturer considered that the design adopted for the Friedrichstrasse facades should be studied in this context. Involved here is the side facade of the Friedrichstadt Palace which indeed displays the features of good inner-city housing construction. It is well proportioned, the distribution and size of the windows are convincing, the uppermost floor is designed with some sophistication and merges naturally with the roof area; the restrained sculptural ornamentation skillfully disguises the transition from one surface to another; dominating are not the measurements of the outer wall sections but windows, pilaster strips, material and color values.

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Supply and purchase program:

Export

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Concrete mixing plant, concrete mixers, concrete pumps

Concrete pipe making machines

Vibrators

Motor graders, vibration steamrollers, rubber wheel rollers, combination rollers

Mixed gravel dressing plant

Black top makers

Compacting equipment and machines

Dump trucks

Universal dredgers with hydraulics

Plant for the production of concrete components for housing, social and industrial construction

Filtering tubes for well construction

Machines for working reinforced steel

Jib-gantry rotary cranes

Scaffolding

Traveling platforms

Structural components and accessories for traffic bridges

Steel pipes for well construction

Large dumpsters

Industrial robots

Structural components, spare and replacement parts for earth moving machines

Sliding construction equipment

Scientific-technical services for the above commodity nomenclature

Import

Earth moving and road construction machines

Equipment for the construction and construction materials industry

Drilling devices and equipment for geological exploration as well as for petroleum and natural gas production

Plant for the production of concrete and concrete products

Plant for the production of construction materials and substances

Plant for the production of sewer pipes

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Export

Observatoriums

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Scientific laboratories

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Survey agencies and equipment

 photogrammetric laboratories

Precision measuring centers

 ophthalmological centers

 optometric businesses (mobile and stationary)

 optometric workshops

 laboratory equipment for universities and technical schools

Individual parts and apparatus made of glass

Licenses, workshops, scientific-technical services, educational exports

Surveying devices

 levels

 theodolites

 electro-optical tachymeters

 nautical devices

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Appliances for photogrammetry

 devices for aerial photography

 devices for laboratory technology

 stereo mapping devices

 appliances for analytical photogrammetry

 appliances for terrestrial photogrammetry

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 ophthalmological devices

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Optical analysis measuring devices

Microlithographic devices for production and control in the microelectronic industry

Devices for information technology

 magnetic tape storage

 microfilm devices

Computer components

Field glasses and telescopes

Lenses

 camera lenses

 television lenses

 reproduction lenses

Ophthalmic articles and optotechnical devices

 special visual aids and devices for

 spectacle glass definition

 spectacle lenses and frames

 optotechnical devices

Optical components

Other optical devices

Glass lasers

Optical glass

Domestic glassware

Import

Surveying devices

Devices for photogrammetry

devices for microscopy, microphotography, microprojection and micropreparation

Astronomic devices

Devices for manufacturing measurement equipment

Optical analysis measuring devices

Special computer components

Field glasses and telescopes

Ophthalmic articles and optotechnical devices

Unframed spectacle lenses

Special equipment for the manufacture of optical and precision products

Laser devices

Ultrasonic materials testing devices and plant

Devices for microstructure equipment

Measurement and testing devices for geometric dimensions	Ovenproof domestic glassware, pressed and blown
Optical glass	Synthetic diamonds, synthetic crystals
High-temperature heating elements	Devices for optical medical equipment
Magnetomotor storage (digital)	Electron microscope
Crude diamonds, diamond board, rock crystal	Scientific-technological services

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Export and Import
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 Organic chemicals
 Oil and tar products
 "Romonta" montan wax
 Plastics and plastic products
 Polyurethane
 Rubber and rubber products

Plant protective agents and pesticides
 Lacquers and paints
 Organic dyes and intermediates
 Finishing agents for the textile and leather industry
 Household chemicals
 Cosmetics
 Soaps and candles
 Perfumes, aromatics and essences
 Special chemical-technical products
 Technical carbon and graphite products

Aussenhandelsbereich Agrochemie Export-Import im VE AHB Chemie-Export-Import (foreign trade section for agriculture chemicals)

Supply and Purchasing Program
Export and Import
 Ammonia
 Nitrogen fertilizers (urea)
 Raw materials for nitrogen and phosphate fertilizer
 Fodder phosphate

Plant protective agents and pesticides
 Basic anorganic chemicals
 Basic organic chemicals
 Chemical-technical products
 Natural greases and grease products
 Washing and cleansing agents

Aussenhandelsbereich Bitterfeld-Chemie-Export-Import im VE AHB Chemie-Export-Import

Supply and Purchasing Program:
Export and Import
 Anorganic and organic chemicals
 Calcined soda
 Organic dyes and auxiliary agents
 Silicones and carbon fluorides

Wofatite synthetic resin ion exchanger
 Chemical-technical products
 Technical carbon and graphite products
 Silicate carbide heating rods
 Textile auxiliary agents
 Leather auxiliary agents
 Tannic acid

Aussenhandelsbereich Buna-Schkopau Export-Import im VE AHB Chemie-Export-Import

Supply and Purchasing Program:	Plastic auxiliary agents
<u>Export and Import</u>	Synthetic rubber
Plastic raw materials	Special organic products
Semifinished plastic goods	Solvents

Aussenhandelsbereich Kosmetik Export-Import im VE AHB Chemie-Export-Import (foreign trade section for cosmetics and accessories)

Supply and Purchasing Program:	Isobornyl acetate
<u>Export and Import</u>	Natural and synthetic fatty acids and fat
Essential Oils	alcohols
Aromatics, essences and flavorings	Olein, stearin
Alkyl benzene	Synthetic fragrances
Camphene	Cosmetics
Carboxymethyl cellulose	Toilet soap
Sodium sulfate decahydrate	Metal tubes, aerosol containers
	Toothpaste and mouthwash

Aussenhandelsbereich Lacke und Farben Export-Import im VE AHB Chemie-Export-Import (foreign trade section for lacquers and paints)

Supply and Purchasing Program:	Effect varnishes
<u>Export and Import</u>	Electric insulating varnish
Paint for vehicle construction	Furniture varnish
Paint for farm machinery construction	Colored machine varnish
Paint for ship construction	Printing ink
Paint for railcar construction	Leather coating colors
Paint for special fields	Auxiliary agents for printing
Protective paint for structures	Alkyd resin paint
Anticorrosive paint and anticorrosive services	Road marking colors
Anorganic white and colored pigments	Alkyd resins
metal container lacquers	Hard resins
	Oracal foil
	Microlux film

Aussenhandelsbereich Leuna-Chemie-Export-Import im VE AHB Chemie-Export-Import

Supply and Purchasing Program:	Intermediate and auxiliary products for
<u>Export</u>	plastics and synthetic fibers
Amines	LE waxes
Methyl amines	plasticizers MS
Ethyl amines	Plastics and plastic products
Trikresole (unexplained)	Mirathen
Resins and raw material for varnish	Miravithen
L2 resins	Miramid
L3 resins	Epoxy resins
condensates	Nitrogen products and products for agri-
Catalysts	culture
Solvents	ammonium bicarbonate
dimethyl formamide	ammonium chloride
acetone	ammonium hydroxide
isobutanol	hydrazine

Formaldehyde glue and setting agents
 Technical oils
 KM 33
 cracked oil
 Detergent bases
 KW 50
 E 30
 Metaupon (unexplained)
 Xylene fraction
 Glues
Imports
 Ethyl amines
 Creosoles
 Gases
 nitrogen
 argon
 oxygen

Catalysts
 Resins, intermediate resin products and
 raw materials for varnish
 epichlorhydrin
 trimethylpropane
 Solvents
 isobutanol
 methanol
 Intermediate and ancillary products for
 plastics and synthetic fibers
 Buten 1
 caprolactam
 phenol
 Plastics and plastic products
 HDPE
 polyamide
 epoxy resins
 Glues

Aussenhandelsbereich PCK Export-Import im VE AHB Chemis-Export-Import

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Gasoline
 Diesel fuel
 Aviation fuel
 Turbine fuel
 Boiling range, test and special
 gasolines
 Heating oil
 Liquid gas
 Lubricants and special oils
 Fibrous raw materials
 Additives
 Aromatic hydrocarbons
 Sodium cyanide
 Olefins
 Paraffin, special paraffin, candles
 Montan wax and synthetic waxes
 Bitumens and building preservatives
 Solvents
 Leather and floor care products

Car care products
 Metallic sodium
 Activated carbon
 Camphor
 Cellulose derivatives
 Plyterephthalate (unexplained)
 Modifiers
 Carbon disulfide
 Pyridines and homologs
 Crude and purified naphthalene
 Organic compounds (Trioxane)
 Tall resin
 Hydrocarbon resins
 Coal-tar oil and pitch
 Petroleum coke
 Fuller's earth
 Transformer oil components
 DCPD
 Methylethylketone
 Rubber plasticizers (Faktis)

**Aussenhandelsbereich Plast- und Elastverarbeitung im VE AHB Chemie-Export-Import
 (foreign trade section for plastics and rubber processing)**

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Asbestos products
 Decorative laminated plastics
 Shapes made of thermosetting plastics
 and thermoplastics
 Rubber mixtures

Natural rubber
 Phenol glues and resins
 Carbon blacks
 Boot and sole material
 Technical houses
 Conveyer belts and cone belts
 Water glass

Aussenhandelsbereich SYS-chemie-Export-Import im VE AHG Chemie-Export-Import

Supply and Purchasing Program:	Block flexible foam
Export and Import	Explosives
SYSpur /trademark/ polyurethane systems	Nitro aromatic substances
Systanat polyurethane raw materials	Adipic acid
SYStol /trademark/ polyurethane raw materials	Aniline
syspur /trademark/ parting compound	Chloroparaffin
	Licenses

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Export

Plant for oil and natural gas processing (oil processing, natural gas drying and desulfurization, oil distillation)

Petrochemical plant (manufacture of butanols and butylaldehydes by oxosynthesis, high-pressure polyethylene post processing)

Plant for the manufacture of synthetic fiber fabrics (chemical part of polyester manufacture, caprolactam manufacture and cleaning, polyamide manufacture)

Low temperature plant (air separation plant, residual gas synthesis separation plant)

Plant for sodium manufacture

Fuel depots

Plant sections for sugar factories (centrifuge sets, filter plant)

Evaporating plant

Alcohol plant

Individual equipment and processing lines for the chemical industry

Scientific-technical results and services (know how and licenses) linked to the above mentioned supply program

Import

Individual equipment and processing lines for the chemical industry

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Service Program:

Advice and other services for foreign customers in the field of construction. This includes in particular:

- The preparation of studies, reports, test documents;
- The preparation of plans, proposal requests and contracts, evaluation and selection of bids;

- Carrying out exploration and surveying work;
- Carrying out planning services including project supervision;
- Assuming coordination and supervisory tasks as well as the acceptance of construction and assembly work;
- Customer service;
- Selection and training of skilled personnel.

DEFA-Aussenhandel

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

milastrasse 2

1058 Berlin

Telephone: 4 40 08 01

Telex: 114 511 defafilm

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Feature films documentaries, children's films, instructional and educational films

Cartoons

Test and measuring films

Copying services and other services relevant to films

Demusa

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Leninstrasse 133

9652 Klingenthal

Telephone: 23 41

Telex: 77 920 77 952

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export

Pianos and concert grands

Piano parts

Organs

Accordions

Electronic keyboard instruments and amplifiers

Historic keyboard instruments

electronic bugle horns

Wood and metal wind instruments

Mouth organs and accordions

Stringed and plucked instruments

Percussion instruments

Other musical instruments

Accessories and components for musical instruments

Musical toys

Genuine and custom jewelry

Tin items

Artificial flowers and similar items

Festive and joke items

Dried bouquets

Chenille and Easter items

Decorative items

Christmas decorations

Artificial fruit

Metal badges

Leather watchbands

Brooms, brushes, paint brushes

PVC bristles

Writing instruments

Bath and toilet articles

Beauty supplies

Manicure sets

Paper collars

Import

Musical instruments and accessories

Body ornaments

Precious and semiprecious stones

Crude amber

Pearls and mother-of-pearl

Diamonds and strass

Brooms, brushes, paint brushes

Cutlery material

Writing instruments

VEB Elektro-Consult Berlin

Alexanderplatz 6
1026 Berlin

Telephone: 21 80

Telex: 115 034 ecb

Program of Services:

Consultancy and other services for foreign customers designed to prepare plant exports. the veb Elektro-Consult Berlin therefore carries on business and technical consultations abroad in the following fields:

- Plant and equipment for electric energy transmission and distribution;
- Telecommunication plant and equipment;
- Railroad safety and signalling plant;
- Electronic data processing plant and office equipment;
- Plant for the construction of scientific devices
- Professional training for the above fields;
- Workshops for electrical engineering and electronic devices

Services are concentrated on the following groups of assignments:

- Technical and business advice abroad for plant projects and complex projects;
- Drafting of analyses, suitability and feasibility studies;
- Drafting of plan projects and proposal terms;
- Appraisal of bids and selection of the most promising supply and service enterprises;
- Drafting of contract terms and contracts;
- On behalf of the buyer supervising the general supplier and his cooperation partners respecting full contract fulfillment;
- Training of operating personnel;
- Handling of license, know-how and software transactions arising from the consultancy services;
- Other services after the plant begins operations and in the early stages of operation.

Elektronik Export-Import

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Alexanderplatz 6
1026 Berlin

Telephone: 21 80

Telex: 114 721

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Active structural elements

- special tubes
- receiving valves
- integrated circuits (analog, digital)
- transistors
- diodes
- rectifiers
- opto-electronic structural elements
- delay lines
- protective pipe contacts
- high-purity metals
- silicon discs

Semifinished articles for the production of
active structural elements
glass tubes

Passive structural elements

- fixed resistors
- adjustment controller
- potentiometer
- semiconductor resistors
- precision resistance networks
- ceramic condensers
- ceramic trimmers
- plastic foil condensers
- electrolytic condensers
- quartz filters and mechanical filters
- plug connections
- light wave conductor plug connections
- illuminated keys
- rotary switches
- DIL switches

DIL-IC sockets
 printed circuit boards
 foil keyboards
 ferrite products
 piezoelectric buzzers
Watches
 men's wrist watches
 self-winding men's wrist watches
 men's quartz wrist watches
 ladies' wrist watches
 ladies' quartz wrist watches
 alarm clocks
 quartz alarm clocks
 timers
 chess timers
 living room and kitchen clocks (quartz)
 quartz nautical chronometers
Technical consumer goods
 pocket calculators
 chess computers
 clock radios
 stop watches
Meteorological devices
 barometers
 hygrometers
 complete weather stations

Special technological equipment
 vaporization plant
 freeze drying plant
 vacuum and high-vacuum valves
 vacuum and high-vacuum pumps
 wire and chip bonders
 automatic multiple probe key (wafer prober)
 CVD plant
 molded cable laying machines
 atomizer plant (sputter plant)
 laminar boxes (dust free work places)
 adjustment and lighting equipment
 automatic assembly machines for protected contacts
 printed circuit board drilling and milling machines
 varnish coating and varnish development plant
Processing centers
 Equipment for the production processes of the semiconductor industry
 Licenses for the manufacture of special technological equipment, vacuum, equipment and structural elements
 Know how

Elektrotechnik Export-Import

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Alexanderplatz 6
 1026 Berlin
 Telephone: 21 80
 Telex: 112 844
 Cable address: ELEKTROEXIMP
 Supply and Purchasing Program:
Export and Import
 Electricity transmission and distribution plant
 Energy supply plant for industrial plants, steel works and rolling mills, cement factories and chemical factories
 High-voltage test plant and equipment
 High and low tension switchgear
 High tension devices of all kinds
 Performance testing plant
 High-tension fittings and power lines
 Railroad signalling and safety equipment

Test, control and regulating plant for process automation
 Standard motors, single-phase motors, slip-ring rotor engines, direct-current motors, geared engines, motors of the external rotor type and high-tension motors
 Electrohydraulic actuated devices
 Gasoline and diesel electric generating sets
 Constant tension generators
 Plant and equipment for telecommunications, transmissions and radio
 Radio and telephone plant
 Studio equipment
 Cables and lines
 Devices and equipment for resistance, arc and gas welding
 Plasma fusion cutting equipment
 Electric industrial furnaces

NF and MF induction smelting plant
MF induction forging, hardening and
annealing installations
Varnishing installations

Galvanizing installations
Electric insulation materials and base
materials for printed circuits
Cathode ray equipment
Scientific-technical results
License issue for electrical engineering
installations, products and workshops

Aussenhandelsbereich Automatisierungsanlagenbau Export-Import im VE AHB Elektro-
technik Export-Import (foreign trade section for automation plant construction)

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Industrial measuring, control and
regulating technology plant
Signalling and safety installations
for traffic
Industrial control installations
Devices and installations for super-
vision, regulation and control
(GRW Teltow)

Separators

Nonnumerical controls and devices of elec-
trical engineering
Numerical controls
Static frequency changers
Power resistors (excluding heating ele-
ments)
Structural elements, spare and replacement
parts as well as services
Scientific-technical services

Aussenhandelsbereich Elektroenergieanlagenbau Export-Import in VE AHB Elektrotech-
nik Export-Import (foreign trade section for electricity plant construction)

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Electricity transmission and distri-
bution plant
Transformers
Converters
Impedance coils from 6.3 kVA
High-tension switchgear and accessories

Switching, transformer and rectifier sta-
tions

Medium tension distributions
High tension distributions
NS control fields, equipment and distribu-
tors
High-tension fittings
High-tension test installations
Structural elements, spare and replacement
parts
Scientific-technical services

Aussenhandelsbereich KWO Kabel und Leitungen Export-Import im VE AHB Elektrotechnik
Export-Import

Supply and Purchasing program:

Export and Import

Cables and lines
Wire coil machines
Structural elements, spare and replace-
ment parts for twisting and cable
machines

Fittings for power and telephone cables
as well as power transmission lines
Plug devices for cables
Plug connectors for cables
Scientific-technical services

Aussenhandelsbereich LEW Elektrotechnische Ausruestungen Export-Import im VE AHB Elektrotechnik Export-Import (foreign trade section for electrotechnical equipment)

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

NF smelting plant, MF smelting plant and installations

MF induction smelting furnaces

Electron beam smelting furnaces

Electrical industrial furnaces

Machines and equipment for smelting nonferrous metals

Devices and equipment for welding, various welding processes including welding electrodes and accessories

Plasma cutting and welding devices

Heating machines and plant

Hot quenchers

Equipment for the manufacture of metallic coatings and metal separation

Installations for applying, drying, sintering and marking

Anodes

Electric insulation material

Power factor adjustment condensers

Components for traction motors

Laminated paper panels

Ancillary installations, accessories, spare and replacement parts for equipment to treat metallic surfaces

Scientific-technical services

Aussenhandelsbereich RFT Nachrichtenelektronik Export-Import im VE AHB Elektrotechnik Export-Import (foreign trade section for communication electronics)

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Telephone exchanges

Telex and data equipment installations to 2-- Bd

Transmission installations

Radio installations

Exchange installations

Telephone and telegraph terminal installations

Transmission installations for telephone and telegraph

Intercommunication and two-way devices

Transmitters and receivers for commercial services

Studio technical installations

Transmitting aerials (without radio link)

Commercial receiving antennas

Transmission installations for data by communication channels

Telephone sets, telephone gear

Electroacoustic amplifiers

Tape warning devices

Electronic test amplifiers, calibration services, tension circuits and devices

for field intensity and field interference measurement

Molded cables

Group signalling plant and installations

Accessories, replacement parts, structural elements and services

Scientific-technical services

Commission processing

Aussenhandelsbereich VEM Elektromaschinen Export-Import im VE AHB Elektrotechnik Export-Import (foreign trade section for electric machinery)

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Generator sets with Otto or diesel engine drive

stationary and movable

for alternating and direct current up to 5 or 10 kW

Electromagnetic couplings and brakes

Alternating, direct and rotary motors

Standard geared engines

Gasoline and diesel electric generator sets

Structural elements, spare and replacement parts

Scientific-technical services

Fischimpex Rostock

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

An der Jaegerbaek 1

P.O. Box 42

2510 Rostock 5, Marienehe

Telephone: 81 00

Telex: 031 309 fimex

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Ocean fish, fresh and frozen

Sweet water fish, fresh and frozen

Shellfish, coastal and ocean mammals and ocean products

Products of fish processing (processed fish, fish fillets)

Chopped and finely chopped fish products or fish mixtures, frozen

Salted fish

Smoked fish

Other products of fish processing, by-products

Canned fish

Preserved fish

Semiready dishes

Licenses for scientific-technical services of the fishing business

Rights to carry on fishing and ancillary operations

Commission processing of fish, crustaceans and other ocean products

Services by production, transportation and auxiliary ships for fishing business tasks

Services within the framework of cooperations

Training and further education of foreign workers by the GDR fishing industry

Dispatch of GDR fishery exports to assist the fishing industry of other countries

Fishing tools for the fishing industry

Machines and equipment for fish processing manufactured by the Rostock Fish Combine

VEB

Fortschritt Landmaschinen Export-Import

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Bruno-Taut-Strasse 4

1185 Berlin

Telephone: 6 82 20

Telex: 112 191

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Tractors

Machines and equipment for grain and cereal harvesting

Combine harvesters, swath mower, chaff cutter, high-pressure presses

Machines and equipment for the potato and beet harvest

Silo installations

Plant and equipment for dairies, milk processing and animal husbandry

Agro complexes

Loaders

Loading installations, farm transport installations

Machines and equipment for farm mechanization and liquid manure distribution

Plant and equipment for meat processing, the beverage, baking and packaging industries

Plant for foodstuffs equipment

Institutional kitchens

Vending machines

Roller chains

Reinforced hoses

Steel flasks

Fire extinguishers

Scales

Diesel engines

Plant and equipment for the mull and mixed feed industry

Essential and nonessential food machines

Forum

Commercial Company with Limited Liability

Storkower Strasse 139 b
1055 Berlin

Telephone: 4 35 80
Telex: 0 114 992

Fruchtimax

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Schicklerstrasse 7
1020 Berlin
Telephone: 2 14 80
Telex: 114 686, 114 688
Supply and Purchasing Program:
Export
Fruit
Fresh vegetables
Processed fruit and vegetables
Potatoes
Import
Fruit

Fresh vegetables
Citrus fruit
Products of the fruit and vegetable processing industry
Other edible products of forestry (for example mushrooms, huckleberries, wild berries)
Frozen fruit and vegetables
Citrus juices
Citrus concentrate
Dried citrus fruit
Nuts in the shell (excepting peanuts)
Potatoes

Genussmittel Import-Export

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Thaelmannplatz 2
1086 Berlin
Telephone: 2 20 28 11
Telex: 112 353
Supply and Purchasing Program:
Export
Candies and cookies
Chocolate filling
Raw mass
Baked goods
Frosted cakes
Rye wafers
Roasted coffee
Alcoholic drinks
Champagne
Beer
Brewing malt
Brewing sugar
Nonalcoholic drinks
Refined liquid sugar
Sugar beet syrup
Pasta

Dehydrated soups, dried peas
Malt meal
Malt extract
Whisky malt
Flour for rolls
Cake flour, special flours
Cornflakes
Baking powder
Vanilla sugar
Dry mustard
Diet foods
Aromas
Spices
Tobacco
Manufacturing and trade mark licenses of the GDR food industry
Import
Candies and cookies
Raw coffee
Cocoa beans, cocoa paste and cocoa powder
Cocoa butter and cocoa butter substitute
Drink mixes

Tea
 Alcoholic beverages
 Wines and champagne
 Beer
 Raw spirit
 Distilled spirit
 Wine distillate
 Fermentation alcohol
 Ethanol
 Fusel oil
 Hops, hop products
 Brewing malt
 Dried fruit

Baking yeast
 Aromatics from natural raw materials
 Salad dressing, broth, sauces, meat extract,
 instant soft beverages
 Spices
 Cigarettes, cigars
 Raw tobacco
 Tobacco dust
 Tobacco aroma
 Acetate fibers for the production of
 filter cigarettes

Aussenhandelsbereich Getraenke Import-Export im VE AHB Genussmittel Import-Export
 (foreign trade section for beverages)

Supply and purchasing program:

Export and Import

Alcoholic beverages
 Table wines
 Sparkling wines and champagne
 Beer
 Raw spirit
 Distilled spirit
 Wine distillate

Fermentation alcohol
 Ethanol
 Fusel oil
 Hops, hop products
 Brewing malt
 Brewing sugar
 Nonalcoholic beverages
 Brewery by-products
 Licenses of the beverage industry

Aussenhandelsbereich Nahrungsmittel/Kaffee Import-Export im VE AHB Genussmittel
 Import-Export (foreign trade section for food/coffee)

Supply and purchasing program:

Export and Import

Packaged cookies
 Fresh baked goods
 Iced cakes
 Rye wafers
 Pasta
 Cornflakes
 Dehydrated soups, dried peas
 Malt flour
 Malt extract
 Flour for rolls
 Cake flour, special flours
 Dry mustard
 Diet foods
 Spices

Aromatics from natural raw materials
 Baking powder
 Yeast for baking
 Yeast extract
 Dried fruit
 Salad dressing
 Broths, bouillon cubes
 Sauces, dehydrated and liquid
 Beef extract
 Instant soft drinks
 Coffee
 Tea
 Licenses of the food and coffee industry

Aussenhandelsbereich Suesswaren Import-Export im VE AHB Genussmittel Import-Export
(foreign trade section for candy and chocolate)

Supply and Purchasing Program:	Cocoa beans, cocoa paste, cocoa powder
<u>Export and Import</u>	Cocoa butter and substitute
Candies of all kinds	Drink mixes
Filling for chocolates	Vanilla sugar
Raw mass	Sugar beet syrup
Refined liquid sugar	Licenses of the candy industry

Aussenhandelsbereich Tabak Import-Export im VE AHB Genussmittel Import-Export (for-
eign trade section for tobacco and tobacco products)

Supply and Purchasing Program:	Tobacco processed for smoking
<u>Export and Import</u>	Tobacco dust
Cigarettes	Tobacco aroma
Cigars	Acetate fiber for the production of
Raw tobacco	filter cigarettes
	Licenses of the tobacco industry

Germed-Export-Import

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

General director:
Glienicker Weg 125/127
1199 Berlin
Telephone: 67 90
Telex: 0 112 740, 0 113 026

Trade section, accounting and
statistics section:
Schicklerstrasse 5/7
1020 Berlin
Telephone: 2 14 80
Telex: 0 114 571

Supply and Purchasing Program:
Export and Import
Pharmaceuticals, serums, vaccines and
diagnostic agents for human and veterina-
ry medicine
Pharmaceuticals for dentistry, dental
and ancillary materials
Pharmaceutical chemicals, chemical raw
materials and intermediate products
Plasters, bandaging materials, temporary
skin replacement, medical rubber goods
Drugs
Hygiene products
Biochemicals, laboratory and industrial
chemicals
Xanthogenate

GISAG Export-Import

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Koepenicker Strasse 127/129
1020 Berlin
Telephone: 2 70 20
Telex: gisex dd 114 163

Supply and Procurement Program:
Export and Import
Foundry plant
Plants of the INEX VEB

Blast media from ferrous materials	Molds and other equipment of cast iron with laminate graphite
Cast products of cast iron with laminate graphite (excluding chilled casting)	Machines and equipment for foundries
Cast products of cast iron with globular graphite (excluding chilled casting)	Structural elements for machines and equipment for foundries
Cast products of chilled casting and other wear resistant iron-carbon alloys	Foundry machine and equipment components
Cast products of malleable iron (excluding annealing pots and malleable castings for fittings)	Replacement parts for foundry machines and components
Cast products of steel castings (excluding annealing pots)	Master pattern tools for the foundry industry
Cast products of aluminum and aluminum alloys	Induction heating machines (casting installations)
Cast products of magnesium and magnesium alloys	Light outlet pipes
Cast products of heavy metal and heavy metal alloys	Molded fittings for light outlet pipes
Cast iron sectional boilers for low pressure steam and hot water supply	Cast iron radiators
	Chemical auxiliaries and chemical products for the metal industry (excluding chemical auxiliaries for electroplating and enameling)
	Carburization material

Glas-Keramik

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Kronenstrasse 19/19a	Meissen porcelain
1080 Berlin	Stoneware
Telephone: 2 05 70	Ceramic raw materials
Telex: 114 661, 114 662, 114 663, 114 664	Licenses and know how for glass and ceramics machinery
Supply and Purchasing Program:	Plate and building glass products
<u>Export and Import</u>	Technical glassware
Household glassware	Glass containers and glass packaging
Lead crystal	Glass fiber products
Household and hotel china	

Aussenhandelsbereich Behälterglas - Glaseidenerzeugnisse Export/Import im VE AHB
Glas-Keramik

Supply and Purchasing Program:	Other glass packaging
<u>Export and Import</u>	Vacuum flasks and containers
Sodium silicate in pieces	Glass fiber products
Lighting glassware	Fiberglass products
Beverage bottles	Cotton for ear plugs
Canning containers	Foam glass-Coriglass

Aussenhandelsbereich Bleikristall - Wirtschaftsglas Export/Import im VE AHB Glas-Keramik (foreign trade section lead crystal - domestic glassware)

Supply and purchasing program:
Export and Import
Lead crystal

Household glassware, blown and pressed
Electric lighting glassware
Searchlight glassware

Aussenhandelsbereich Feinkeramik - Meissner Porzellan Export/Import im VE AHB Glas-Keramik

Supply and purchasing program:
Export and Import
Household and hotel china
Meissen porcelain
Decorative china
Decorative earthenware
Household earthenware
Feldspar

Dolomite
Clay and loam
Quartz sand
Powdered quartz
Pebble flint
China clay
Firing media
Natural sponges
Decals for ceramics

Aussenhandelsbereich Flachglas Export/Import im VE AHB Glas-Keramik (foreign trade section plate glass)

Supply and Purchasing Program:
Export and Import
Glass tableware and mirror glass
Thin glass
Float glass
Rolled glass with and without wire reinforcement

Profile glass
Colored glass panes
Welders' glass shields
Single and multiple layer safety glass
Thermal panes
Mirrors

Aussenhandelsbereich Glas- und Keramikmaschinen Export/Import im VE AHB Glas-Keramik (foreign trade section glass and ceramics machines)

Supply and Purchasing Program:
Export and Import
Plant for the glass industry
Machines and equipment for the manufacture of glass products
Plants for the manufacture of household and industrial ceramic products
Machines and equipment for the manufacture of household and industrial ceramic products

Plant for the production of fireproof products
Machines and equipment for the manufacture of fireproof products
Structural elements, spare and replacement parts for machines and equipment for the manufacture of glass, ceramic and fireproof products
Scientific-technical services for the above mentioned goods nomenclature

Aussenhandelsbereich Technisches Glas Export/Import im VE AHB Glas-Keramik (foreign trade section technical glassware)

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Technical products made of glass (quartz glass/quartz ware)

Laboratory apparatus and technical devices made of glass, glass pipelines
Thermometers of all kinds, including technical, household and medical thermometers

Chemical-technical products made of china or china-like material

Chemical-technical hollow glassware

Finest granule test sieves

Glass tubes

Glass rods

Eyes

All-glass syringes

Glass melting pots

Fused quartz

Television tubes

Colored glass parts for television picture tubes

Christmas tree decorations

Heim-Electric Export-Import

DR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Alexanderplatz 6

1026 Berlin

Telephone: 21 80

Telex: 0 114 555 to 0 114 559

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Entertainment electronics devices

Electrical household appliances

Lighting fixtures

Photo flashes

Photographic and cinematographic equipment

Switching devices and installation material

Measuring, control and regulating devices

Electrotechnical ceramics/electrotechnical porcelain

Galvanic elements and batteries

Licenses and know how for workshops for electric installation material, electrotechnical ceramics, spark plugs, electrical household appliances, motor protection, cam switches

Aussenhandelsbereich AKA Elektrohaushaltgeraete Export-Import im VE AHB Heim-Electric Export-Import

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Floor care devices

Meal preparation appliances (excluding electric stoves)

Physical culture appliances

Home air conditioning appliances

electric heating appliances (excluding storage heaters)

Laundry care devices (excluding washers and household ironing machines)

Hot water boilers

Infrared and ultraviolet table irradiation appliances

Power packs for telecommunications

Spare parts and replacement parts, structural elements and services

Aussenhandelsbereich EAW Automatisierungstechnik Export-Import im VE AHB Heim-Electric Export-Import (foreign trade section for automation)

Supply and Purchasing Program:	Electronic subassemblies and installations
<u>Export and Import</u>	Magnetic floating switch
Measuring devices for volume and through-put	Electronic regulating units and controls
Analysis measuring devices for gases and liquids	Manual and remote controlled circuit breakers
Liquid gauges	Process control devices
Electrical measuring devices and measuring installations	Motor protection devices
Electric regulators and measuring instruments	Air break contactors
Controllers without auxiliary energy	Cam switches
Manometric pressure, temperature and motor vehicle gauges	Shock protection switches
Initiators	Control and message devices
Pneumatic measuring, control and testing installations	Circuit interruptors, circuit breakers and other switches
Meters and impulse transmitters	Switching and control magnets
Mechanical dynamometers and thrust gauges	Small transformers
	Rectifiers
	Relays
	Ultrasound and degreasing installations
	Spare parts and replacement parts, sub-assemblies and services

Aussenhandelsbereich Elektrokeramik Export-Import im VE AHB Heim-Electric Export-Import (electrotechnical ceramics)

Supply and Purchasing Program:	Installation material for ship construction and industry
<u>Export and Import</u>	Circuit interruptors, circuit breakers and other switches
Plug devices	Switching and distribution plant plant
Lamp sockets	CEE*and DIN*plug devices
Fuses	Electrotechnical porcelain
Clamps	Porcelain insulators, shielded and unshielded)
Connection materials	Voltage arresters
Mechanical installation material (not for road vehicles)	Bushings as per IEC*and DIN*
Explosion and lightning protected installation material and explosion and lightning protected lighting fixtures	Licenses and know how for workshops

*European, German and international standards

Aussenhandelsbereich Fahrzeugelektrik Export-Import im VE AHB Heim-Electric Export-Import (vehicle electrics)

Supply and Purchasing Program:	Galvanic elements
<u>Export and Import</u>	Lead batteries
Vehicle electrics for bicycles, motor cycles, cars, trucks, farm machines	Miners' lamps
Car light bulbs and tubular lamps	Spark plugs
	Accessories, subassemblies and services

Aussenhandelsbereich NARVA Export-Import im VE AHB Heim-Electric Export-Import
(foreign trade section lighting)

Supply and Purchasing Program:
Export and Import

Commercial lighting fixtures
Domestic lighting fixtures
Functional lighting fixtures
Street lighting fixtures
Movie, television and stage lighting
Searchlights
Exterior lighting fixtures
Flashlights
Infrared heat lamps for medical and
animal husbandry purposes
Sun lamps
Multipurpose lamps

Functional and decorative lamps
Fluorescent lamps
Power supply units
Mercury vapor lamps
Sodium vapor lamps
Halide metal vapor lamps
Photographic and reflector lamps including
halogen lamps
Flash bulbs
Signal lights
Neon lamp
Special discharge lamps
Iron filament ballast lamp
Illuminated signs
Accessory parts, structural elements and
services

Aussenhandelsbereich PENTACON Export-Import im VE AHB Heim-Electric Export-Import
(foreign trade section photography)

Supply and Purchasing Program:
Export and Import

Reflex cameras 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 36 mm
Reflex cameras 6 x 6 cm
Micro cameras
Extra lenses
Projectors and viewers
Photographic and cinematographic
laboratory equipment
Film cameras
Film reproduction optics

Photo copiers
Microfilm appliances
Photographic and cinematographic accesso-
ries
Narrow film camera
Studio cameras
Cutting machines
Bags and holders for optical devices
Replacement parts, structural elements
and services

Aussenhandelsbereich RFT Unterhaltungselektronik Export-Import im VE AHB Heim-
Electric Export-Import (entertainment electronics)

Supply and Purchasing Program:
Export and Import

Television sets, color and black-white
Radios, stereo and mono
Stereo and hifi sets
Cassette tape recorders
Tape decks

Video recording devices for the home
Phonographs
UHF, VHF, UKW and car aeriels
Signal booster
Communal aeriels
Structural subassemblies and services for
television and radio sets

Holz und Papier Export-Import

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Krausenstrasse 35/36

1080 Berlin

Telephone: 2 07 50

Telex: 112 235

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export

Living room furniture

Bedroom furniture

Kitchen and bathroom furniture

Furniture for children and adolescents

Occasional furniture

Upholstered furniture

Settees, chairs

Tables

Furniture components

Mattresses and pads

Box springs

Metal cabinets including safe doors

Office furniture

Special hotel and inn furniture

Other special furniture, excluding garden furniture

Tubular steel furniture

Interior remodeling and complete interior furnishing including the planning and assembly of

Hotels, boarding houses, restaurants

Cultural and social facilities (cinemas, theaters, leisure facilities)

Temporary residential accommodation and site offices

Administrative facilities (institutes, office buildings)

Import

Furniture for the public and social facilities

Furniture components

Housings made of wood or wood materials

Industrieanlagen-Import

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Mauerstrasse 83/84

P.O. Box 1282

1086 Berlin

Telephone: 2 28 90

Telex: 0 112 214

Purchasing Program:

Import

Plant for obtaining and producing binding agents and admixtures

Plant for the manufacture of concrete and concrete products

Plant for the production of construction materials

Plant for the production of industrial and household ceramics

Plant for the glass industry

Plant for the reconstruction of the car industry

Plant for plastic and rubber processing

Plant for cellulose, paper and cardboard manufacture

Oil refinery plant and plant for the manufacture of petrochemical basic materials

Anorganic basic materials plant

Organic basic materials plant

Plant for the manufacture of chemical and chemotechnical special products

Plastics and rubber plant

Synthetic fibers plant

Pharmaceuticals plant

Tank plant

Other chemical plant

Pipeline systems

Plant for the extraction of ferrous metals

Ferrous metals processing plant

Plant for the extraction of nonferrous metals

Continuous casting plant and rolling mills

Other rolling mills

Sectioning works

Plant for surface finishing and pretreatment

Foundry plant
 Power plants
 Thermal power plants
 Nuclear power plants
 Hydroelectric power plants
 Pump-fed power stations
 Diesel power plant
 Heating power stations
 Gas turbine plants
 team generating plant
 Hot water plant with a total output in
 excess of 20 t/h steam or 10 Gcal/h
 Ash removal plant
 Nuclear fuels
 Services and replacement parts for
 imported power plants

Plant for electrical engineering/electro-
 nics
 Plant for the manufacture of electrical
 products
 Plant for the manufacture of electronic
 products
 Industrial measuring, control and regula-
 ting plant
 Industrial control systems
 Wire-connected communication systems
 Radio and television systems
 Radio link and tunnel systems
 Color television studio equipment
 Water treatment plant
 Sewage plant

VEB Industrie-Consult Berlin

Goerschstrasse 45/46
 P.O. Box 55
 1100 Berlin
 Telephone: 4 82 57 60, 4 82 57 75
 Telex: 115 042 icb dd
 Service program:
 Consultancies especially for the prepa-
 ration and implementation of investments
 for the following kinds of plant:
 Production plants of heavy machine
 and plant construction
 Foundries
 Cement works
 Strip mining plant
 Rolling mills
 Wire and cable works
 Power plants
 Factories for the metal processing
 industry
 Appropriate vocational training
 facilities

The following tasks in particular are accomplished within this framework

- Preparation of studies and profita-
bility evidence;
- Drafting plan projects;
- Preparation of tender and bid terms;

- Evaluation of bids and drafting propo-
sals for the selection of the most pro-
mising supply and service firms;
- Preparation of contract terms and
drafts;
- Planning services;
- Supervision of the design, manufacture
and testing of equipment and plant sec-
tions, the delivery of equipment and
the services of the partners involved
in the construction of the plant;
- Supervision of construction operations;
- Supervision of planning, assembly,
test runs, output proof and initial
management of investment projects;
- Drafting of proposals for the selection
and training of operating personnel;
- Supervision of the realization of
licensing transactions related to the
construction of industrial plants;
- Conclusion of foreign trade contracts
for carrying out the tasks.

Intercoop

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Storkower Strasse 120

1055 Berlin

Telephone: 4 35 20

Telex: 114 316

Service Program:

Export of services of the nonproducing sectors, especially the higher education system, professional training, scientific institutions and the health system; The dispatch of advisers and experts, sports trainers and teachers to universi-

ties, colleges and other educational establishments;

Providing services of professional training and further education as well as special knowledge for foreign citizens in enterprises and institutions of the GDR;

Providing training services and experts within the framework of United Nations organizations.

Interflug

GDR Aviation Company

Flughafen (airport)

1189 Berlin-Schoenefeld

Telephone: 67 20

Telex: 112 891, 112 892, 112 893

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Aircraft

Sets of machinery, subassemblies, replacement parts and accessories for aircraft

Aircraft transmissions and engines

Airborne and ground flight safety equipment

Internationales Handelszentrum

Friedrichstrasse

1086 Berlin

Telephone: 20 60

Telex: 114 381 to 114 384

Cable address: IHAZET

Service Program:

Renting office space to foreign companies accredited in the GDR;

Renting premises and providing services for the organization of meetings, conferences, symposia, trade shows and technical-commercial discussions.

Interpelz

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Nikolaistrasse 13/25
7010 Leipzig
Telephone: 7 13 30
Telex: 51 477

Leather goods
Leather
Manmade leather
Skins and hides, processed hides
Shoes
Floor covering

Aussenhandelsbereich Kunstleder/Pelze Export/Import im VE AHB Interpelz (foreign trade section manmade leather/furs)

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Leather/uppers

Various soft leathers (except for leather goods)

Soft leather from pigskin

Crust (pigskin)

Insole leather

Lining leather

Furniture leather

Leather fiber material

Parchment

Manmade leather

Manmade leather for shoes

Manmade leather for vehicle construction

Soft PVC foil

Table covering

PAS surfaces, PVC coated

PAS surfaces, PU coated

Aussenhandelsbereich Lederwaren Export/Import im VEAHB Interpelz (foreign trade section leather goods)

SML materials for shoe uppers

Ekraled

Manmade leather scraps

Floor covering with backing (with underlay)

Floor covering with backing (without

Floor covering without backing

Powdered hide scrapings

Undressed pelts

Dressed pelts

Small animal pelts

Hare and rabbit pelts

Fur clothing

Fur wastes

Commission processing of dressed pelts

Commission clothing manufacture

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Handbags and luggage

Luggage

Cases

Leather goods fittings

Hard haberdashery for leather goods

Hard haberdashery for shoes

Tubular rivets

Metal wares/hooks and eyes

Shoe hooks and eyes

Leather and manmade leather clothing

Butchers' aprons

Miscellaneous leather work clothing

Leather work gloves

PVC work gloves

Leather caps

Leather gloves

Protective car seat covers

Aussenhandelsbereich Rauchwarenauktion/Hautehandel Export/Import im VE AHB Interpelz (foreign trade section fur auctions/skin trade)

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Ranch mink

Untreated valuable furs

Untreated rabbit pelts

Untreated game and big game pelts

Pigskins

Aussenhandelsbereich Schuhe Export/Import im VE AHB Interpelz (foreign trade section shoes)

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Men's leather shoes

Men's house shoes

Women's leather shoes

Women's house shoes

Children's leather shoes

Children's house shoes

Men's work boots

Women's work boots

Fabric sneakers

Indoor gym shoes

Other sports shoes

Slippers

Bath sandals/molded sandals

Hard haberdashery

Molded soles

Steel springs

Chemical auxiliary agents

Cotton material for uppers

Insoles

Stiff laces

Sewing yarn

Complex material SAG

Soft leather (for leather goods)

Superfine leather for uppers

Large animal skins

Large animal skins/crust

Technical leather

ASH-Leather/cooperation

Shoe cooperation

Boot leg cooperation

Handbag cooperation

Waste leather

Hide scraping rasps

Press dies, transfer molding, transfer casting and foam tools

Intrac Handelsgesellschaft mbH

Pestalozzistrasse 5/8

1100 Berlin

Telephone: 48 40

Telex: 0 114 923, 0 114 924, 0 112 974, 0 112 975

Service Program:

International business transactions of all kinds, including the purchase and sale of metals, ores, crude oil and oil products as well as other raw materials

Isocommerz GmbH

Domestic and foreign trade enterprise for radioactive and stable isotopes

Lindenberger Weg 70

(entrance Robert-Roessle-Strasse 10)

1115 Berlin

Telephone: 3 40 01 11

Telex: 113 148

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export

Radiochemicals

Marked organic compounds

Radioactive pharmaceuticals

Enclosed radiation sources
 Test and reference sources
 D 15 and N 15 marked compounds
 Stable gaseous isotopes
 Inert gases, high-purity gases, gas mixtures
 Fluorescent substances
 Special anorganic chemicals

Kali-Bergbau

Import
 Nuclear devices and installations
 Rare earths
 Reactor irradiations
 Activations, isotope analyses
 Markings, special preparations
 Service

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Otto-Nuschke-Strasse 55
 1080 Berlin
 Telephone: 2 04 50
 Telex: 0 114 471
 Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export

Potash fertilizer (KCl)
 40% K₂O
 40% K₂O (granulated)
 50% K₂O
 60% K₂O
 60% K₂O (granulated)
 Potassium sulfate
 Potassium and magnesium fertilizer
 Kamex KX
 Kainit KT
 Kalikieserit KIE
 Potassium chloride (technical potash)

Basic chemicals
 Bromine
 Bromide
 Calcium chloride
 Calcium sulfate
 Magnesium chloride
 Salts
 Rock salt for human consumption
 Common salt for human consumption
 Industrial rock salt

Import

Colored spar
 Calcite
 Magnesium chloride base
 Potassium chloride
 Potassium carbonate (potash)
 Magnesium oxide
 Magnesium sulfate heptahydrate
 Sodium chloride (B. A. der DDR)
 Sodium sulfate
 Spars
 Fluor spar (crushed, uncrushed)
 Barite (reducing spar)

ko-impex

Trading company for consumer goods exchange

Kauffahrtel 23
 9010 Karl-Marx-Stadt
 Telephone: 5 04 31, 5 04 32
 Telex: 07 276
 Supply and Purchasing Program:
 Consumer goods exchange with socialist countries

Berlin branch office:
 General director and information office
 Schwedter Strasse 37/42
 1058 Berlin
 Telephone: 4 40 22 21
 Telex: 112 730

VE Kombinat Holzhandel Berlin

Foreign Trade Section:

Prenzlauer Allee 233

1055 Berlin

Telephone: 4 40 02 76

Telex: 0 114 747, 0 114 748

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Import and Export

Lumber (pine, spruce)

Wood chips (pine, spruce)

Unhewn timber (excluding pulp wood imports)

Laminated wood

Veneers and instrument veneers

Saw blocks and saw horses, exotic woods

Board wood

Woodware of solid wood and wood materials

Unfinished wood products

Sandwiched layers of wood and sheet metal

Chipboard

Fiberboard made of wood, high fiber content

Fiberboard made of wood, medium fiber content

Fiberboard made of wood, low fiber content

Molded chipboard and other wood boards

Offcuts and used lumber

Walnut square edges

Semifinished products made of wood and wood fiber

Sawdust

Wood flour

Excelsior

Parquet bars

Mosaic parquet bars and panels

Parquet components

lasts, unprocessed

Wooden heels

Wooden inserts for heels

Padlocks

Furniture locks and fittings

Furniture legs, pedestals, rungs and accessory parts

Products of lumber processing (excluding pine tar, oil of turpentine/light, Sweden or white pine tar)

Drums for cables, rope and other purposes

Semifinished products for transportation and storage auxiliary equipment

Wooden crates, square

Wooden crates, round

Pallets

Stacking containers

Sliced veneers and half-round cut veneers under 1 mm

Sliced veneers and half-round cut veneers over 1 mm

Other veneers

Technical and craft devices

Coffins

Impregnated products

Cork products

Wicker furniture

Basketware

Fruit and vegetable baskets

Sheets on cellulose base for furniture industry

Park

Matches

Pyrotechnic products

License transactions

VE Kombinat Kohleversorgung

Section Foreign Trade:

Johannes-Dieckmann-Strasse 26

1086 Berlin

Telephone: 2 04 50

Telex: 114 470, 114 475, 114 476

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export

"Rekord" brown coal briquettes

Brown coal briquette slurry

Brown coal dust

Brown coal high-temperature coke

Brown coal high-temperature coke dust

Brown coal low-temperature coke dust

Mixed coke

Mixed fuel

Licenses and scientific-technical results

Import

Solid fuels

VE Kombinat Verbundnetze Energie

Allee der Kosmonauten 29
1140 Berlin
Telephone: 54 70
Telex: 112 866
Supply and Purchasing Program:
Export and Import
Guided energy sources
Electric energy
Natural gas
Locally produced gas
Thermal energy

Licenses and scientific-technical results relating to the above mentioned energy sources
Commercial completion of research cooperation contracts of the
Power Plant Combine VEB and
Coal and Energy Construction and
Assembly Combine VEB

Kunst und Antiquitäten GmbH

International Company for the Export and Import of Art Objects and Antiques

Franzoesische Strasse 15
1080 Berlin
Telephone: 2 20 26 71
Telex: 112 962

Antique Gallery:
Kastanienallee 19/20
1409 Muehlenbeck
Telephone: 02 26/82
Telex: 158 538

Linex-Bau-Export-Import

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Breite Strasse 12/17
1020 Berlin
Telephone: 2 30
Telex: 0 114 968, 0 114 969
Supply and Purchasing Program:
Export
Light metal structures for industrial, farm, social and entertainment buildings
Construction services for industrial, entertainment and port buildings
Assembly services
Steel skeletons for multistoried buildings, steel concrete structures
Special steel concrete buildings (cooling towers, silos, television and radio towers, residential, commercial and industrial skyscrapers)
Special construction services and work, skeleton structural work
Earthworks and underground work

Asbestos cement pressure pipes, corrugated sheets of asbestos cement
Planning and assembly of heating, ventilating, sanitary and electric installations (technical building equipment), including operation determining products (heating surfaces, heat exchangers, electric heaters)
Floor covering systems
Light grates
Partitioning of all kinds
Transport pallets of steel wire and sheet
Metal fences, wirenetting
Heat, cold and sound insulation
Prefabricated extension components
Planning services for the construction industry (urban planning, construction planning, executive planning)
Licenses and scientific-technical documentations for the construction industry

Monolithic construction

Extension operations

Concrete components for buildings constructed in reinforced concrete, special concrete ties for track laying

Individual steel and sheet metal structures as per customer projects for building and plant construction

Planning, delivery and assembly of water anagement projects of irrigation and drainage

Water utilization and supply conceptions

Blasting operations

Road construction and marking operations

Bridge construction operations

Site installations, prefabricated houses, bungalows, arbors

Construction materials (cement, plaster, whitewash, bricks, limestone, slate chips, concrete gravel, concrete sand, concrete gravel sand, anhydride, molding sand)

Light multilayer elements (Al-PUR-Al, steel-PUR-steel, and so on)

Decorative facade elements and industry facades

Doors, portals, windows

Wall tiles, floor tiles, hearth tiles, sanitary pottery

Geological search, exploration, cartographic and prospecting operations, hydrological explorations and services

Geophysical services

Drilling engineering services

Mining engineering services

Services in the field of underground storage from planning to completion or consulting services and other special services including related scientific-technical results and services

Engineering and know how for construction projects of all kinds

Import

Construction services for industrial and commercial buildings

Assembly services

Construction technical and technological planning services

Construction materials

Licenses and scientific-technical documentations for the construction industry

Aussenhandelsbereich Metalleichtbau im VE AHB Limex-Bau-Export-Import (foreign trade section light metal structures)

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Hot galvanizing services

Steel multistoried building structures

Steel and aluminum alloy masts and towers

Windows, facade components, doors and portals made of steel and aluminum alloys

Steel structures for puttyless glazing and greenhouses

Light metal structures for multistoried buildings

Structural engineering steel structures for hydraulic and underground architecture

Steel components for the US 72 sheathing system

Structural engineering planning

Metallurgiehandel

GDR Foreign and Domestic Trading Enterprise

Brunnenstrasse 188/190

1054 Berlin

Telephone: 2 89 20

Telex: 115 123 to 115 127

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

High-grade steels

Ultra-pure steels

Bright steel
 Steel for rolling
 Plates and strips, hot and cold rolled
 and surface finished
 Pipes
 Fittings
 rolled coils
 Wires and ropes
 Scrap, alloyed and unalloyed

Pig iron
 Ferrous alloys
 Ores and concentrates
 Precious metal products
 Fireproof products
 Nonferrous metals and nonferrous semi-
 finished products
 Special materials
 Licenses, patents, know how

MLW intermed-export-import

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Schicklerstrasse 5/7
 1020 Berlin
 Telephone: 2 14 80
 Telex: imed bin 114 571 to 114 576

MLW intermed-export-import is the general exporter of equipment for supplying health and educational facilities. Its range includes consultancy, planning, delivery, assembly, service, licenses, how how.

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export

Plant and equipment for health care:

Rural mobile clinics, medical and
 nursing stations
 Medical premises
 Products of medical technology
 Radiological and electromedical
 devices
 X-ray tubes
 X-ray intensifying screens
 Biomeasuring equipment
 Medical-electronic devices for
 intensive therapy
 Respiratory therapeutical devices and
 respirators
 Orthopedic equipment
 Surgical needles
 Surgical sutures
 Instruments, syringes
 Complete laboratories
 Mobile laboratories
 Laboratory furniture
 Laboratory instruments
 Laboratory scales
 Laboratory centrifuges
 Automatic analysis machines

Incubators

Emergency generator sets for health
 care institutions

Plant and equipment for the education system:

Installations for universities, col-
 leges and technical schools
 Installations for vocational training
 Polyvalent training centers
 Apprentice workshops
 vocational teaching know how
 Training centers for the physically
 and mentally handicapped
 Instruction material for biology,
 anatomy and health education
 Educational and training devices for
 college and technical school education
 and vocational education
 Technical instruction premises
 Equipment for general education schools
 Complete laboratories for industry, agri-
 culture and water management, environmen-
 tal control and test technique

Import

Products of medical engineering

Products of laboratory engineering
X-ray and electromedical appliances
Surgical rubber goods
Synthetics for vascular surgery
Surgical sutures
Laboratory precision scales and special
medical scales

Geological devices
Planning and know how services, including
licenses for medical facilities
Research requirements for the scope of
the Academy of Sciences, the college and
technical school system and the health
care system of the GDR

Nahrung Export-Import

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise of Agriculture and the Food Industry

Schicklerstrasse 7
1020 Berlin
Telephone: 2 14 80
Telex: 114 893, 114 894, 114 895,
114 896

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Agricultural seeds
Vegetable and flower seeds
Decorative plants
Young trees
Tree seeds and seedlings
Oil seed, vegetable oils
Lecithin
Animal and vegetable protein
Cereals, rice

Raw and refined sugar
Starch and starch products
Eggs and egg products
Milk and milk products
Slaughter cattle
Meat and meat products
Poultry
Animal fats
Intestines
Breeding and working livestock
Racing and riding horses
Sweet water fish
Decorative fish
Cage birds
Small and breeding animals
Birdcages and aquarium accessories

ORWO Export-Import

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Storkower Strasse 133
1055 Berlin
Telephone: 4 32 20
Telex: berlin 0 114 373, 0 114 717 ahb
or dd

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Photographic and cinematographic film,
black/white and color

Repro film
X-ray film
Photographic paper, black/white
Audio and magnetic tape
Videotape
Computer tape
Photographic chemicals
Crushed bone and other bone preparations
Agglutinant fat

VEB Petrolchemisches Kombinat Schwedt

1330 Schwedt/Oder
Telephone: 60
Telex: 168 531, 168 563

Purchasing Program:
Import
Crude oil

VEB Philatelie Wernsdorf

P.O. Box (No number)
7264 Wernsdorf
Telephone: 2 16, 2 17
Telex: 518 871 phila dd

Supply and Purchasing Program:
Export and Import
Postage stamps

Pneumant-Bereifung Export-Import

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Storkower Strasse 133
1055 Berlin
Telephone: 4 32 20
Telex: 114 359 pneu dd
Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export

Tires for small motor cycles, motor cycles, scooters, sidecars and bicycles
Tires for automobiles in diagonal, textile radial and steel belt construction
Tires for commercial vehicles in diagonal construction (rayon and polyamid/nylon) and radial construction (rayon/steel and steel only)
Tires for special vehicles (mobile cranes, excavators, flat beds and heavy trucks, earth moving and construction machines, loading, drilling and mining sets)

Tires for carts and transport trucks
Tires for multipurpose use designed for
 use mainly in farming
 use mainly in the construction industry
 use on and off the road

Tires for agriculture
Tires for agriculture with track profile
Cleat profile, roll profile

Retreads

Inner tubes, tire flaps, rim bands
Outsize industrial tires
Pine tar and kien oil
Diverse rubber wastes
Solid rubber wastes
Other molded items for technical purposes

Import

Tires and carcasses for all manners of use and their accessories

Polygraph-Export-Import

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Friedrichstrasse 61
1080 Berlin
Telephone: 2 00 06 01
Telex: 112 310
Supply and Purchasing Program:
Export
Sheet-fed rotary offset presses
Reel rotary machines for offset and gravure printing

Bookbinding machines including assembly lines for book block and brochure production
Guillotines
Reproduction cameras and devices
Devices and machines for print block production
Planning, construction and equipment of printing plants including the relevant supply units

Taking on extensions or reconstructions of existing plants
Scientific-technical results (licenses) for the construction of printing machines

Import

Machinery and plant for the printing industry, from printing block manufacture to bookbinding including scientific-technical results (licenses) for the construction of printing machines

Robotron Export/Import

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Friedrichstrasse 61
1060 Berlin
Telephone: 2 00 04 11, 2 07 19 96
Telex: 0 112 311
Supply and Purchasing Program:
Export and Import
Electronic data processing plant
Office computers
Data compilation devices and systems
Terminals and peripheral devices
Text systems
Mechanical, electric and electronic typewriters
Drawing instruments and organizational equipment

Electronic testing equipment
measuring and testing automation
line fault equipment
nuclear physics test equipment
electronic safety devices for mobile rotary cranes
sound and vibration meters
operating and service test devices for universal use
Consultancy, training and customer service
Planning and user suggestions
Issue of licenses and technology transfer

Schienenfahrzeuge Export/Import

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Oetztaaler Strasse 5
1100 Berlin
Telephone: 4 80 40
Telex: 114 322
Supply and Purchasing Program:
Export
Rail vehicles
Diesel engines
Electric locomotives
Industrial locomotives
Diesel and electric rail cars
Passenger cars (normal, broad and narrow gauge)
Dining cars (normal and broad gauge)
Doubledeck coach
Machine refrigerator car
Cooling trains
Refrigerated cars
Fittings for rail vehicles
Fittings for replacement parts for brake equipment

Bogies, wheel sets
Hydraulic gearing units for engines
Electrotechnical equipment for rail vehicles
Freight cars
Car springs for rail vehicles
Components and spare parts for rail vehicles
Special test benches and installations for rail vehicles
Steel and aluminum containers
Scientific-technical services in the field of rail vehicle construction
Import
Diesel engines
Special freight cars
Streetcar trains and cars
Equipment for car production
Tracklaying machines and replacement parts
Railroad trolleys

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Doberaner Strasse 44/47

2501 Rostock

Telephone: 36 70

Telex: 031 355

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export

Full container ships

Roll-on/roll-off ships

General cargo ships

Specialized bulk cargo ships

Fishing ships

Refrigerated ships

Passenger ships for inland waterways

Cargo ships for inland waterways

Ships for the technical fleet

Marine propulsion plant

Refrigerating and freezing plant as part of ships' equipment

Navigation equipment and devices

Ships' equipment of all kinds

Planning and testing system for the above mentioned goods nomenclature

Rationalization aids germane to ship construction

Licenses

Hydroacoustic devices, air conditioning plant, miscellaneous safety, alarm and test installations for shipping

Fog signaling equipment, control equipment, machine telegraph equipment

Magnetic compasses, gyroscopic compasses

Other devices and equipment for course supervision and ancillary apparatus for compasses

Deck machinery, capstans, seine net winding and anchor winding equipment, deck cranes, steering gear, net winding equipment including replacement parts

Pyrotechnical products for ships

Auxiliary boiler plant

Neptunit

Electrical plant for electricity generating plant and electric motors for use in ships

Ship and plant repairs

Other ships' equipment and replacement parts

Import

Equipment for furnishing and decorating passenger ships

SKET Export/Import

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Johannes-Dieckmann-Strasse 7/9

1086 Berlin

Telephone: 22 40

Telex: 112 693, 112 695, 112 778, 113 205

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export

Plant and equipment for the metallurgical industry

Hot rolling mills for ordinary and high-quality steels

Small section rolling mills

Rod mills

Combined rod and high-quality steel mills

Bright steel rolling mills

Wire and high-quality steel blooms

Finishing shop equipment for rod, high-quality and medium steel

Adjusting shops for bar and structural steel

Adjusting shops for semifinished steel (billets and ingots)

Wire bending plant

Unrolling, adjusting and cutting plant

Plant for the selected cooling of rolled wire

Roll stands

Two-high horizontal finishing stands

Two-high vertical finishing stands

Four-high stands

Windlasses

- Coiling machines
- High-quality steel windlasses
- Band windlasses
- Scrap windlasses
- Transport facilities
 - Roller conveyers
 - Retracting mechanisms
 - Drawing devices
 - Discharge apparatus
 - Tractors
 - Lifting tables
 - Feeding devices
 - Transfer equipment
 - Pushers
 - Transport equipment for crane hook tracks
- Rolling mill accessories
 - Edgers and shifters
 - Scrap removal
 - Turntables
 - Marking machines
- Adjusting machines for high-quality, medium and double-refined steel
 - Wire straightening and cutting machines for profiles, single and multiple core
 - Steel bar deburring machines
 - Marking machines
 - Wire and strip binding machines
 - Edgers and reversers
 - Stackers, destackers and pilers
 - Inspection and test tracks
 - Weighscales
 - Singling, transfer and shunting installations
 - Billet snagging machines
 - Round snagging machines
 - Centerless circular grinders
- Shears, stationary and flying
 - Flying hot shears
 - Cold shears
 - Transverse shears
 - Circular shears
 - Edge cutter shears
 - Cold section shears
- Plate working machines
 - Three-roller plate bending machines
 - Form rod adjustment machines
- Equipment for conveyer belt manufacture
 - Conveyer belt presses

Plant and equipment for the manufacture of cement and lime

- Complete cement factories and complete plant sections for the drying, semidry and wet process
- Pulverizing plant
- Rotary kilns
- Drying plant
- Compressed air conveying plant
- Homogenization and aerating facilities
- Machines and equipment for coarse and fine grading
- Equipment for selective lime slaking
- Plant and machinery for cable and wire rope manufacture as well as wire processing and fabricating
 - Complete cable plants
 - Complete wire, wire rope and steel cord plants
 - Wire drawing machines for steel and nonferrous metals
 - Wire annealing plants and winding machines
 - Stranding machines for steel and nonferrous metals
 - Special cable machines, such as sheathing plant, protecting machines, and others
 - Wire weaving machines, wire braiding machines
 - Wire straightening machines, wire bending machines
 - Various ancillary equipment and accessories for the wire producing and processing industry
- Machines and plant for the production of edible oils, lecithin and protein
 - Complete technological lines and single equipment for oil pressing
 - Complete technological lines and single equipment for oil extraction including coolers for grinders
 - Complete technological lines for lecithin production
 - Technological lines and single equipment for oil refining
 - Sloapstokspaltanlagen (unexplained)
- Plant and machinery for crushing and dressing
 - Crushing and grading plant
 - Self-propelled large crushing and conveying plant

Pulverizing machines, especially jaw crushers
 Steep angle taper crushers, flat angle taper crushers, hammer mills
 Feeding devices
 Dressing machines and equipment
 Traveling and portal cranes from 80 ton load capacity for the metallurgical industry and nuclear power plants
 Ships' anchors

Import
 Rolling mill equipment
 Equipment for nonferrous and ferrous metallurgy, blast furnace equipment
 Forge equipment
 Equipment for wire processing, cable and stranding machines
 Equipment for the manufacture of cement and lime
 Gas and oil fired industrial furnaces

Spielwaren und Sportartikel Export-Import

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Charlottenstrasse 46
 1080 Berlin
 Telephone: 2 28 30
 Telex: 112 797, 112 798, 114 776
 Cable address: SPIELSPORT
 Supply and Purchasing Program:
Export
 Wooden toys
 Children's vehicles
 Children's china
 Mechanical and electromechanical toys
 Metal toys
 Model railways and accessories
 Plastic toys including floating toys
 Plush toys
 Dolls and hand puppets
 Doll carriages
 Embroidery boxes and furnishings
 Other toys and accessories
 Baby carriages
 Gymnastics apparatus
 Gymnasium equipment
 Kindergarden and playground equipment
 Bowling equipment
 Games
 Equipment for light athletics
 Weight lifting and conditioning equipment
 Tennis equipment
 Ping pong equipment and items
 Badminton items
 Roller skates
 Parachutes and accessories

Winter sports equipment and items
 Sports shoes
 Sports gloves
 Fishing rods and equipment
 Tool boxes
 Knapsacks, fishing bags, cases
 Tents for camping
 Camping furniture
 Camping mattresses
 Garden and patio furniture
 Garden umbrellas
 Sports boats
 Oars, sculls and paddles
 Collapsible boats
 Various waxes
 Protective helmets
 Walking sticks
 Football pumps
 Archery items
 Billiard tables
 Cigarette lighters
 Ornamental ceramics
 Bar glassware
 Room and table decorations
 Smokers' items
 Creche figures
 Garden gnomes
 Other decorative goods
 Car trailers

Import
 Toys
 Sports items and equipment
 Camping items
 Arts and crafts

TAGEBA Export/Import

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

Monrenstrasse 11/14

10581 Berlin

Telephone: 22 40

Telex: 114 001, 114 047, 114 143

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export

Complete strip mining facilities

Bucket wheel excavators

Bucket conveyor excavators

Removing equipment

Overburden transporters/bridges

Conveyor cars

Belt conveyor systems (mobile, fixed)

Slag dumping and recovery equipment

Coaling plant for power plants

Briquette factories

Potash granulating plant

Harbor and wharf cranes

Container cranes

Ship loaders and unloaders

Traveling cranes

Rotary railroad cranes

Rotary crawler cranes

Mobile rotary cranes

Universal excavators

Facilities for internal enterprise

transportation

Forklifts, 5-6 tons

Mine conveyors, small lifting appliances,

continuous conveyors

Lower platform trailers

Scrapers for dumps

Subassemblies, spare and replacement parts
for strip mining equipment and equipment
for the fuel industry

Passenger and freight elevators

Pool pallets

Scientific-technological services for the
above mentioned goods nomenclature

Import

Conveying and lifting tackle

Mobile rotary cranes

Tower rotary cranes

Container cranes

Crabs

Elevators

Electric hoists

Fork lifts

Electric carts and tractors

Forklift trucks

low and high rise small lifting ap-
pliances

Subassemblies, spare and replacement
parts for lifting appliances and convey-
ing equipment

Machines, equipment and subassemblies for
coal, potash and ore mining

Transport equipment, conveying systems,
stacking equipment

Ship loaders and unloaders

Harbor transshipment equipment

Car dumpers

Isolators

Cable winches

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Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Diesel engines and generator sets

Plant and equipment for air conditioning,
ventilating and refrigeration

Pumps and compressors

Machine sets and standard components of
BHTA hydraulic and compressed air pro-
ducts

Fittings for all industries except fit-
tings made of glass and ceramic materials

Power plants and equipment

Industrial and ships' gearing

Purifiers

Couplings

Aussenhandelsbereich Getriebe, Kupplungen und Schmiedeerzeugnisse Export/Import in VE AHB TechnoCommerz (foreign trade section drives, couplings and forgings)

Supply and Purchasing Program:
Export and Import

Steel hammer forgings
Solid shaped steel blanks produced by special processes
Acetylene generator
Industrial drives (excluding fluid drives, mobile couplings)
road vehicle and farm machinery drives)

Mechanical couplings (excluding automobile couplings)
Spare and replacement parts as well as subassemblies for industrial drives
Replacement parts for mechanical couplings (excluding replacement parts for automobile)

Aussenhandelsbereich ILKA Luft- und Kältetechnik Export/Import in VE AHB TechnoCommerz (foreign trade section for ventilation and refrigeration)

Supply and Purchasing Program:
Export and Import

Air conditioning equipment including replacement parts
Refrigerating plant (excluding complete cold storage facilities)
Refrigerating equipment including replacement parts (excluding household and commercial refrigeration)

Ventilation and air conditioning plant
Mechanical and electric dust removal plant
Dryers
Ventilation-closed circuit cooling plants (technological section)

Aussenhandelsbereich Kraftwerksbau Export/Import in VE AHB TechnoCommerz (foreign trade section power plant construction)

Supply and Purchasing Program:
Export and Import

Plant for the production of electric energy (thermal and industrial power plants, diesel powered stations) -- export only
Water treatment plants
Sewage treatment plants
Steam generators (excluding low temperature boilers for steam and hot water supply)--import only to 20 tons/hour, above that see AHB Industrieanlagen-Import
Apparatus for thermal water treatment plants in power plants and thermal plants
Special devices for water supply works

Replacement parts for steam generators
Replacement parts for turbines
Fluid drives and torque converters, hydrodynamic
Fluid couplings and compressed air couplings
Spare and replacement parts for compressed air and fluid couplings
Steel pipeline components (excluding steel pipes of the metallurgical industry), fittings, cast pressure pipes
Fusion welded steel pipes
Steel flanges
Industrial insulation

Aussenhandelsbereich M&A-Armaturen Export/Import in VE AHB TechnoCommerz (foreign trade section fittings)

Supply and Purchasing Program:
Export and Import

Fittings (excluding fittings made of glass and ceramic materials)
Sanitary fittings

Replacement parts for fittings
Pipeline components and shaped parts of cast iron, processed
Cast pressure pipes
Shaped parts for cast pressure pipes

Aussenhandelsbereich ORSTA-Hydraulik Export/Import in VE AHB TechnoCommerz (foreign trade section hydraulic and compressed air equipment)

Supply and Purchasing Program:	Pray machines (excluding electrostatic installations)
<u>Export and Import</u>	
Compressed air hand sprayers, other hand sprayers	Hydraulic products Compressed air products

Aussenhandelsbereich Pumpen und Verdichter Export/Import in VE AHB TechnoCommerz (foreign trade section pumps and compressors)

Supply and Purchasing Program:	Subassemblies, spare parts and accessories for pumps and replacement parts for pumps
<u>Export and Import</u>	Subassemblies, spare parts and accessories for compressors as well as replacement parts for compressors
Pumping plant	
Compressor plant	
Pumps (excluding injection pumps and pressure generating sets)	
Compressors including mechanical vacuum generators (excluding refrigerator compressors and turbo superchargers)	

Aussenhandelsbereich SKL-Diesel Export/Import in VE AHB TechnoCommerz (foreign trade section generators)

Supply and Purchasing Program:	Generator sets with diesel engine drive for marine service above 10 kW
<u>Export and Import</u>	
Fixed and movable emergency electricity generators and generator sets with gas turbine drive	Four-stroke diesel engines with piston displacement above 2l
Generator sets with diesel motor drive for farm use above 10 kW	Components and accessories for four-stroke diesel engines with piston displacement above 2l

Textil Commerz

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

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Supply and Purchasing Program:
Export and Import
Finished textiles
Textile raw materials
Semifinished textiles
Haberdashery

Aussenhandelsbereich Baumwolle Export/Import in VE AHB Textil Commerz (foreign trade section cotton)

Supply and Purchasing Program:	Terry products
<u>Export</u>	Handkerchiefs
Sports and camping shirts	Ribbons
Work and professional clothing	Shirt and dress fabrics
Bed and household linen	Malimo /trademark/ fabrics
Tablecloths	Sewing cotton

Polyester fiber
Viscose fiber

Import

Work and professional clothing
Household linen
Terry goods

Underwear

Cotton fabrics

Cotton and cotton yarns

Synthetic fibers and synthetic silks

Unprocessed feathers

Textile notions

Aussenhandelsbereich Deko-Raumtextilien Export/Import in VE AHB Textil Commerz
(foreign trade section carpets, drapes)

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export

Carpets and matting

Upholstery fabrics

Decorative fabrics

Lace for curtains, curtains

Flauen lace

Tapestry goods

Trimings

Import

Carpets and matting

Upholstery fabrics

Aussenhandelsbereich ESDA-Strumpfwaren Export/Import in VE AHB Textil Commerz (foreign trade section hosiery)

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Hosiery of all types

Aussenhandelsbereich Konfektion Export/Import in VE AHB Textil Commerz (foreign trade section clothing)

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Readymade clothing/leisure wear for women,
men and children

Hats and caps

Aussenhandelsbereich Technische Textilien Export/Import in VE AHB Textil Commerz
(foreign trade section technical fabrics)

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export

Blankets

Technical felts

Paper machinery felts and filters

Synthetic filter fabrics

Ropes and hawsers

Fishing nets

Laminated materials for tarpaulins

Safety belts

Inflated sheds

Rags

Import

Technical textiles

Hemp fiber raw materials and yarns

Aussenhandelsbereich Trikotagen Export/Import in VE AHB Commerz (foreign trade section knit goods)

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export

Knitted outerwear

Knitted underwear

Corsetry

Jogging suits and swimwear

Knitted gloves

Sports bandages

Import

Knitted outerwear

Knitted underwear

Various corsetry accessories

Ausschmiedelsbereich Wolle/Seide Export/Import in VE AHB Textil Commerz (foreign trade section wool/silk)

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export

Shirt and dress fabrics
Suit and coat fabrics
Malino fabrics
Scarves and mufflers
Ties
Umbrellas
Handknitting yarns
Zippers

Hard notions

Buttons

Import

Wool
Wool fabrics
Worsted
Raw silk
Silk fabrics
Thermo printing paper

Textina-Export/Import

CDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

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Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export for the textile industry

Single machines for cotton and worsted spinning and preparation

Cutting machines
Strip winding machines
Cotton drawing frame tenter
Flat carding engines
Filter plant
Cotton feeding machines
Flyers for cotton and worsted
Horizontal openers
Combing machines
Hopper feeders
Materials carrier tables
Mixed bale opener
Needle field drawer
Ring spinning machines
Control panels
Ravining machines
Step scouter
Thread machines

Machines for the manufacture of manmade and textured silks

Winding machines
After thread machine
PAS spinning-stretching-winding frame
Redraw frames
Texturizing machines

Large circular knitting machines

Flat knitting machines without and with electronics

Hosiery machine "Liropol"

Chain hosiery machines

Sectional beam warping frames

Flat hand knitting machines

Flat vest knitting machine with spring beard needles

Carpet knitting machines "Lirolor"

Weaving preparation and ancillary machines

Warp knotters

Drop wire drapping machine

Reed drawing-in machine

Semi-automatic drawing in device

Warp beam lift truck

Cloth beam-collecting and transport car

Cloth beam lifting truck

Jacquard card cutting machines

Keyboard Jacquard card ravining machines

Jacquard card ravining and copying machines

Card binders

Cone shearing machines

Spool gratings

Upper and lower shed Jacquard machines

Jacquard machines for double plush and terry weaving

Double gate Jacquard double carpet weaving machines

Double shed special Jacquard machines

Double carpet brag weaving machines

Wave shed weaving machine
 Stitch-bonding machine of the types:
 Maliwatt
 Malimo
 Malipol
 Malivlies
 Schusspol
 Voltex
 Nappers for wool, union, cotton materials, warp look fabrics and knits
 Raising roller and sanding machine

Cylinder presses
 Finishing--hot pressing machines
 Tautening and drying equipment
 Sieve drum trying plants, also with
 Hopper feeds
 Unexplained
 Wet openers
 Intermediate openers
 Shearing machines
 Cloth cleaning machine
 Carpet shearing machines
 Large skein coilers
 Mechanical filling thread straightener
 Foulards
 Machinery systems
 Mercerizing plant
 Discontinuous open-width bleaching equipment
 Continuous broad dyeing plant
 Pretreatment plant
 Single units
 Fabric mercerizing machines
 Wide washing machines for fabrics
 Wide washing machines for knit fabrics
 Impregnating machines
 Continuous dyeing plant
 Pretreatment steamers
 Intermediate drying machines
 Condensing machines
 Continuous dyeing plant
 Steam machines and automatic steam machines

Transcommerz

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Hide processing machines
 Laundry machinery
 Ironing machines, ironing tables, mangles, fixed cycle washers, tumble washers, steam generators, centrifuges
 Dry cleaning machines
 Industrial sewing machines, special sewing machines
 household sewing and ironing machines
 Replacement parts and accessories for laundry and dry cleaning machines
 Spinning machines
 Weaving machines
 Knitting-hosiery machines
 Stitch bonding machine
 Ready-made clothing machines, including integrated sewing work places for sewing pockets for jeans
 For sewing the pockets to the jeans
 For automatic neatening of back and front pants without knee lining in the sections men's outerwear, women's outerwear with a minimum pant length of 900900 mm
 Plant

Plant for the manufacture of manmade fibers and manmade fabrics
 Cotton spinning plant
 Ready-made clothing plant
 Worsted spinning plant
 Knitting plant
 Finishing lines
 Weaving plant
 Hosiery plant
 Dry cleaning plant
 Laundry plant

Import for the Textile Industry
 machines and equipment for the textile, shoe and leather industry including accessories and replacement parts

Service Program:

International commercial transactions in the fields of machine construction, the electronic and electrical engineering industry and for construction, assembly and scientific-technical services in production and research fields

Transportmaschinen Export-Import

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

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Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Automobiles

Commercial vehicles

Buses

Truck trailers

Construction site trailers

Camping trailers

Auto trailers

Special motor vehicles

Motor cycles

Mokicks (unexplained)

Scooters

Sports and touring bicycles including replacement parts

Hunting and sports weapons including ammunition

Pistol shooting ranges

Equipment and clothing for horseback riders

Vehicle parts and accessories

Brake and coupling materials

Plant

Auto repair shops

Licenses

Planning services

Know how

Technical documentations

Processes and technologies

Rationalization aids

Technical aid services

Aussenhandelsbereich IFA-Nutzkraftwagen und Anhaenger Export-Import im VE AHB
Transportmaschinen Export-Import (foreign trade section commercial vehicles and trailers)

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export

Trucks

Various Robur truck models

Various W 50 truck models

Trailers for trucks and tractors, various models/versions

Flat-bed and special heavy trailers

Trailers for furniture vans

Workshop trailers

Building site trailers, building site mobile homes/offices

Beds for truck trailers in various versions

Multicar trailers

Motor buses

Ambulances

Various van models

Machine sets, subassemblies, components and accessories for motor vehicle construction, replacement parts for

Trucks, trailers, vans and superstructures/special superstructures and motors, including replacement parts for vehicle electric systems

Superstructures for motor vehicles and trailers, complete and parts (excluding car bodies)

Four-stroke diesel engines with up to 2-liter piston displacement

Subassemblies for engines with up to 2-liter piston displacement

Injection devices for diesel fuel operation of engines with up to 2-liter piston displacement as well as components and accessories

Components and accessories for two-stroke and four-stroke diesel engines with up to 2-liter piston displacement

Commercial vehicle drives

Drive shafts

Gudgeon pins

Piston rings

Special test stands and facilities for motor vehicles and their power transmission subassemblies including internal combustion engines with up to 2-liter piston displacement

Fire extinguisher trailers, turntable ladders and trailer ladders

Auto rotary cranes
 Subassemblies for auto rotary cranes
 Components and replacement parts
 Transportables
 Repair container system (TRC)
 Licenses
 Planning services
 Know how
 Technical documentations
 Processes and technologies
 Rationalization aids
 Technical aid services
 Scientific-technical results

Import

Various truck versions/superstructures/
 snow plows/universal snow loaders/erecting
 masts
 Various versions of trailers for trucks
 and tractors
 Flat-bed and special heavy trailers
 Beds for semitrailers--various versions
 Motor buses

Machine sets, subassemblies, components
 and accessories for motor vehicle con-
 struction, replacement parts for trucks,
 trailers and superstructures/special
 superstructures
 Filling station equipment
 Special tools for motor vehicles
 Four-stroke diesel engines with up to
 2-liter piston displacement
 Subassemblies for engines with up to
 2-liter piston displacement
 Injection devices for diesel fuel ope-
 ration of engines with up to 2-liter
 piston displacement as well as com-
 ponents and accessories
 Components and accessories for two-stroke
 and four-stroke diesel engines with up to
 2-liter piston displacement
 Drives for commercial vehicles
 Piston rings
 Research requirements
 Auto rotary cranes
 Subassemblies for auto rotary cranes
 Components and replacement parts
 Wage cooperation

Aussenhandelsbereich IFA-Personenkraftwagen Export-Import im VE AHB Transportmaschi-
 nen Export-Import (foreign trade section automobiles)

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export

Automobiles
 Barkas B 1000 trucks
 Barkas B 1000 buses
 Campers, tent trailers, luggage trailers
 Jets, machine sets, subassemblies, com-
 ponents and accessories for motor ve-
 hicle construction
 Components and replacement parts for
 automobiles and automobile trailers in-
 cluding replacement parts for vehicle
 electric systems
 Injection pumps and parts
 Motor vehicle heaters
 Otto spark-ignition engines for cars
 Couplings
 Drive shafts
 Jet setting devices

Vehicle fittings

Scientific-technical results

Import

Automobiles
 Campers, tent trailers, luggage trailers
 Machine sets, subassemblies, components
 and accessories for motor vehicle con-
 struction
 Components and replacement parts for auto-
 mobiles and automobile trailers
 Otto spark-ignition engines
 Rotating combustion engines
 Subassemblies for engines
 Replacement parts and accessories
 Service and garage equipment
 Research requirements for cars
 ECE test materials and services

Aussenhandelsbereich IFA-Zweiradfahrzeuge Export-Import in VE AHB Transportmaschinen Export-Import (foreign trade section two-wheel vehicles)

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export

Motorized two-wheelers

Sidecars and trailers for two-wheelers

Small motorcycles up to 50 cubic meter

Motorcycles above 50 cubic meter

Sidecars

Bicycles

Invalid chairs and replacement parts

Components, replacement parts and accessories for motorized two-wheelers, sidecars, bicycles and trailers including replacement parts for vehicle electric systems

Lubricating service facilities

Hunting, sports and other rifles

Rifle ranges

Shaped parts

Brake and coupling materials

Hunting and sports ammunition

Riding and hound sporting items

Scientific-technical results

Import

Motorized two-wheelers

Sidecars and trailers for two-wheelers

Bicycles

Invalid chairs and replacement parts

Replacement parts, accessories and completion parts for two-wheelers

Motorcycle badges

Bicycle locks

Brake and coupling materials

Hunting, sports and other rifles

Hunting and sports ammunition

Wage cooperation

Union Haushaltgeraete Export-Import

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Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export

Household refrigerators and freezers

Commercial refrigerators

Chest freezers

Coolers

Low and alternating temperature cabinet

Refrigeration compressors, sealed and open units

Refrigeration compressor sets, open units

Subassemblies and replacement parts for refrigeration products

Washers, mechanical or automatic

Tumbler dryers for household use

Subassemblies and replacement parts for washers

Electric stoves

Space heaters using solid fuels

Gas space heaters

Stoves using solid fuels

Coal adjustment stoves, coal water heaters for baths

Gasous fuel stoves

Gasthermen (unexplained)

Liquid fuel cookers

Gas cookers

Subassemblies, components, replacement parts and accessories for space heaters

Stoves

Subassemblies, components, replacement parts and accessories for hot water heaters

heaters

Metal cleaning machines

Cutlery and cutlery components

Steel and cutting articles, including work, pocket and fruit knives, razor blades, scissors (excluding plate shears, animal and garden shears)

Mechanical haircutting machines

Household china/eloxtion items

Enamel ware

Aluminum ware, including pressure cookers

Cake molds and cookie sheets, juicers

Food transport containers

Letterboxes, newspaper rolls

Spring safety hooks

Tinned iron ware

Thermos flasks

Kitchen machines and appliances (manually operated), including

meat grinders, grating and cutting machines, almond graters, bread slicing machines, household sieves, graters,

beaters, cutters and openers, vegetable and onion cutters, egg cutters, can openers, bottle openers, cork pullers, nutcrackers, and so on
 Metal boxes
 Window shades and flexible spindles for window shades
 Roller fasteners
 Aluminum and PVC-profile shutters
 Plasticized wire goods
 Hurricane lamps
 Plastic household goods
 Sanitary plastic products
 Kitchen items, including kitchen scales
 Laundry clips with steel springs
 Clothes' hangers, skirt and pant hangers, wooden and plastic
 Hurricane lamp glasses
 Drapery sets, finished valences

Wooden household and kitchen implements
 Wood and plastic edged sieves
 Wardrobe items including clothes' stands, pants presses, boot jacks
 Laundry dryers
 Footstools
 Folding children's chairs
 Playpens
Import
 Household refrigerators
 Commercial refrigerated cases
 Metal, wood and plastics kitchen and household implements
 Subassemblies and replacement parts for refrigerated equipment
 Gas stoves
 Electric stoves
 Laundry implements
 Metal cleaning machines
 Light and heavy packing
 Canisters
 Bath tubs
 Siphons
 Wire goods

Verpackung und Bürobedarf Export/Import

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

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Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export

Packaging material and ancillary material made of paper, cardboard, foils and material combinations, including

Corrugated cardboard, folding boxes, siphon diaphragms, tumblers, dishes and insets, bags, paper sacks, roller frames, gift boxes

Transparent foils, aluminum laminated materials

Foils made of low-pressure polyethylene, composite foils, polypropylene products, polyethylene bags

Plastic laminated paper, carton and cardboard

Gummed paper, cartons and cardboard, including packaging adhesive rolls
 Paper rolls for bookkeeping, control, calculation and writing purposes, including typewriter sheet rolls, telex rolls and calculator rolls
 Self-adhesive and head sealable products
 Colored paper, glazed paper, enamel paper, flocked paper
 Mounts, stamp products, microfilm punch cards
 Wallpaper
 Labels, printed and unprinted
 Office materials, including letter files, quick files, folders, signature folders
 Envelopes and letterhead equipment
 Writing and note pads
 Colored ribbons, carbon paper
 Chemical painting and drawing materials
 Card index boxes
 Drawing Implements

Wood and metal office supplies
Instructional materials

Import

Packaging and ancillary materials made
of paper, carton, cardboard, foil and
materials combinations, including
Corrugated cardboard and products
made therefrom, folding boxes, paper
cups, dishes and inserts, paper bags,
packaging equipment

Transparent sheets

Low-pressure polyethylene sheets

Impregnated papers, cartons and cardboard

Adhesive papers, cartons and cardboard,
including rolls of adhesive paper

Manmade leather base paper

Transfer picture base paper

Raised foil

Fibercast products

Drawing implements

Einleimminen (unexplained)

Erasers

Envelopes

Chemical office supply products

Metal office supply products

Artists' materials

Tablecloths, napkins

Graphic supplies

self-adhesive and heat sealable products

Files and folders including accessories

Waelzlager und Normteile Export/Import

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Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export

Grooved ball bearings

Inclined and detachable ball journal
bearings

Self-aligning ball bearings

Axial grooved ball bearings

Cylinder roller bearings

Needle bearings

Tapered roller bearings

Self-aligning (radial) roller bearings

Roller assemblies

Needle assemblies

Ball assemblies

Pillow blocks

Side bracket bearings

Adjustment bearings

Babbitt bearings with metallic slide
layer

Rolled bodies

Ball and roller bearing accessories

Hexagon head screws

Screws with hexagonal recessed holes

Slot bolts

Phillips screws

Wood screws

Self-tapping screws

Precision screws

Headless screws and set screws

Nuts of all kinds

Wheel bolts and nuts

Tapered, slotted and cylinder pins

Bolts

Wall plugs

Screw pipe joints

Handelsketten (unexplained)

Lubrication caps

Guteketten (unexplained)

Ships' chains

Nails

Pins

Tacks

Tension springs

Compression springs

Flat and wire springs

Plate springs

Pillow springs

Inner springs

Fuse components

Licenses for production technologies,
rationalization aids, special machines
for

- Roller bearings manufacture
- Screws and nuts
- Screw pipe joints
- Pins
- Slotted products
- Wire drawing and processing as well
as technical springs

Import

- Roller bearings
- Rolled bodies
- Roller bearing accessories
- Babbitt bearings with metallic slide
layer
- Jointing components of all kinds
- Screw pipe joints
- Chains
- Technical springs
- Pillow springs
- Fuse elements

WMW-Export-Import

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

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Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Machine tools with and without computer
controls

Processing centers

Machinery systems

Manufacturing lines and cells for the
following processes:

- Turning, milling, gear cutting,
boring, drilling, grinding, planing,
surface grinding

- Sheet and bulk forming

- Plastics and rubber forming

Machine tools

Machine tool and production part racks

Tool maintenance machines

Materials testing machines

Central lubricating plant for fats and
oils

Grinders

Tools for sheet metal forming and
plastics processing

Machines and tools for do-it-yourself

Craft tools

Garden implements

Cable connections

Metal fittings

WMW-industrial plant:

Planning, delivery and starting opera-
tions of production plants and sections
for

- the metal processing industry

- training workshops

- maintenance shops for machinery,

- vehicle and appliance construction

- plant for the manufacture of plastic
products

Import

Machines and equipment for the metal
processing industry

Machine-specific tools

Craft tools

Machines and equipment for wood proces-
sing

Plant for lumber and wood processing

Aussenhandelsbereich Werkzeugmaschinen fuer die rotationssymmetrische Bearbeitung
Export-Import im VE AHB WMW-Export-Import (foreign trade section machine tools for axially symmetrical processing)

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Machine tools for processing axially symmetrical parts, including

- Gear wheel processing machines
- Internal grinding machines and automated internal grinding machines
- Special machines for the manufacture of ball and roller bearings

- Multiple-spindle automatic lathes
- Automatic universal and plain cylindrical grinding machines
- Lathes for bushings and points
- Surface lathes
- Transfer lines
- Production cells

Aussenhandelsbereich Werkzeugmaschinen fuer die prismatische Bearbeitung Export-Import im VE AHB WMW-Export-Import (foreign trade section prismatic processing)

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Machine tools for processing prismatic parts, including

- Vertical, horizontal, universal and special milling machines
- Horizontal drilling and milling machines
- High-accuracy boring and grinding machines

- Bedplate millers
- Planing machines
- Slideway grinding machines
- Roll processing centers
- Production cells
- Materials testing machines
- Central lubricating plants for greases and oils
- Industrial plant for the manufacture of machine construction products

Aussenhandelsbereich Umformtechnik Export-Import im VE AHB WMW-Export-Import (foreign trade section forming)

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Equipment for sheet metal and solid forming as well as plastics processing, including

- Presses
- Automated shapers

- Shears
- Sectional rolling mills
- Plastics processing machines
- Plant for packaging
- Automated production lines
- Customer-specific technological problem solutions

Aussenhandelsbereich Werkzeuge Export-Import im VE AHB WMW-Export-Import (foreign trade section tools)

Supply and Purchasing Program:

Export and Import

Machine tools for processing metals, including carbide metal reversible cutting plates, lathes, milling and drilling tools, friction, sawing, threading, gearing and scraping tools, machine knives, machine t

- Machine tools for processing lumber, wood materials and plastics, including milling and saw tools, machine knives
- Hard metals
- Tool and production part racks
- Mining tools
- Manual tool drives (electric and compressed air)

Boat maintenance machines
Craft tools
Garden implements

Cable connections
Metal fittings

Textilstoff und Papier Export/Import

GDR Foreign Trade Enterprise

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Supply and Purchasing Program:
Export
Manmade fiber pulp
Paper pulp
Cotton pulp from short fiber fuzz remain-
ing after ginning
Newsprint
Writing and printing paper
Surface finished paper
Packaging paper
Technical paper
Packaging carton and cardboard
Vulcanized fiber
Chromo paper and carton
Art paper and carton
Photographic paper and carton, treated
with baryte or not
Parchment substitutes
Hulls and punched tape rolls for data
processing
Filter paper goods

Beer mats
Machines for pulp and paper processing
Sulfite waste liquor
Sulfate resin soap
Import
Manmade fiber pulp
Paper pulp
Cotton pulp from short fiber fuzz remain-
ing after ginning
Short fiber fuzz remaining after ginning
Newsprint
Writing and printing paper
Surface finished paper
Packaging paper
Technical paper
Packaged toilet paper
Miscellaneous paper
Packaging cartons and cardboard
Art paper and carton
Unprocessed parchment paper
Machinery for the pulp and paper proces-
sing industry
Wood fiber
Sulfite waste liquor

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products of oil chemistry and products
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ADVANCE BID INFORMATION FOR ENTERPRISES--Interested Hungarian enterprises will in the future get detailed advance information on foreign bidding competitions, to the extent that they are financed by the World Bank and its affiliate, the International Development Corporation. The Hungarian People's Bank has established a special "bank information" institute which makes advance information available in return for a small annual fee of 1,000 Forint. The reports are forwarded by the World Bank on the basis of a special agreement which has been signed with the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and the Budapest foreign trade ministry. Additional reports are to come from Hungarian missions and agencies abroad. Hungary has been a member of the World Bank for the past 18 months. During that time, Hungarian enterprises have participated in almost 200 international bidding competitions and were able to win some minor contracts. They represented a value of \$8 million. /Text/ /Bonn WIRTSCHAFT OSTBLOCKS in German 21 Mar 84 p 2/ 3056

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CAUTION, DEBATE BEFORE REVALUATION OF TRANSFER RUBLE URGED

Warsaw FINANCE in Polish No 2, Feb 84 pp 1-9

[Article by Prof Jerzy Wesniewski, staff member, Institute of Finance, Ministry of Finance: "Lessons and Prospects Concerning the Refinement of the CEMA Foreign Currency Management System"]

[Text] The program of refining the foreign currency management system of the CEMA countries has been with us for many years. A brief review of the more important proposals made by economists, and especially Polish economists, in the professional press and in books during the late 1960's and early 1970's on this subject appears to be in order. The possibilities of implementing these proposals under the existing economic conditions will be discussed and the new problems which evolved in actual currency-financial relations as a result of the changes occurring in the currency management systems, and which require an exchange of viewpoints, will be pointed out.

First let us recall the wide discussion in the professional press of the CEMA countries 15 years ago on the subject of refining the commodity-money relations in these countries and the making of levers out of them for the expansion of integration and the need to base integration on a strict cost-effectiveness analysis of the profitability of all endeavors.

These issues were brought up many times in such periodicals as: *PLAN'NY I FAKTYCZNY ROZWOJ EKONOMIKI*, *WYZWALAJĄCE SIĘ SZERLE*, *PERŁYNI SZERLE*, *POLITICKA EKONOMIE*, *FINANCE A VYBER*, *FINANSI I UBEZPECZENIA*, *PROBLEMY EKONOMICE*, *JEKONOMICHESKA MIRE*, *WIRTSCHAFTSWIRTSCHAFT*, and in the Polish *FINANSI*, *ZYCIE GOSPODARSTWA*, and *GOSPODARSTWA PLANOWA*.

The international scientific conferences, of which there were several, should also be mentioned.

Several groups of topics emerged from these discussions, namely:

- 1) the mechanism by which the transfer ruble and the new international money operates,
- 2) the national currency exchange rate as the basis of a cost-effectiveness analysis of integration together with the problem of domestic prices.

3) foreign trade prices and forms of exchange, including their effect on the currency management system of the CEMA countries;

4) the settlement of accounts rate for trade payments.

In addition to these topics, others raised included problems of plan coordination, specialization and co-production agreements, and other forms of a planned expansion of integration.

Without attempting to cover the entire extent of the exchange of viewpoints, it seems advisable to call attention to the more typical utterances which in some measure were reflected in further works.

The discussion on the problem of the transfer ruble as a currency for settlement of multilateral accounts was particularly lively. On the one hand it was pointed out¹ that the transfer ruble as a common currency does not fulfill the basic functions of money. It is not a measure of value because contract prices are not the same as world prices. It is not a means of payment because under the existing forms of foreign trade there is no actual versatility. It is not a means of accumulation because the assets held in transfer rubles do not allow for free procurement of goods or exchange into convertible currency. Also there is a disparity between parite and the purchasing power of the transfer ruble if the prices actually paid or obtained in turnovers of CEMA countries with socialist countries are used as the basis for comparison.

On the other hand it was stated² that the currency that was instituted jointly by CEMA countries--the transfer ruble makes it possible to make a correct and equivalent mutual settlement of accounts on obligations and amounts due, thus basically performing all of the functions of money, with full coverage by goods. It was not known how to explain, in a sufficiently convincing way it is true, why, in view of this, it is not possible to freely procure goods in return for the transfer rubles in the IBEC (International Bank for Economic Cooperation) account.

Based on criticism of the mechanism of operation of the transfer ruble, the Polish economists³ demanded at that time that a new unit of international money be instituted to settle accounts in mutual economic exchange. The mechanism of operation of this money would be based on the principle of granting credit by IBEC ex ante, i.e., reserving, in advance, a specified sum in the new money in the bank accounts settled multilaterally with liberalized turnover in

¹ J. Wesolowski: "Currency Problems in the Integration of Socialist Countries", *GWISDARKA PLANOWA*, No 8, 1968.

² N. Szein: "Common Currency of CEMA Countries and Ways of Refining It", *VIENNA*, No 11, 1973.

³ J. Wesolowski: "International Money and Its Role", *ZYKIE GOSPODARSTWA*, No 77, 1968; St. Raczkowski: "The International Money of the Socialist Countries--Principles of Functioning". In Coll. works: "The Economic Integration of the Socialist Countries", *Wydawnictwo i Wydawnictwo (and Knowledge) Publishing House*, 1970.

involved. The assigned sum would be secured by a guarantee list of scarce goods and the obligation that the final balance would be paid in convertible currencies or in gold.

In the case where a debt in this money would occur at the end of the year, the obtained limit for the following year would be reduced by the sum of the debt, which would constitute a pressure to repay it through export of goods. But if the debt remained during the next period, a certain amount of it would have to be covered through the sales of goods from the guarantee list, and if this is not possible, by convertible currencies or gold.

In suggesting that the new international money be instituted, the authors assumed that this would be the fastest way under the conditions existing at that time to achieve positive results. Making the national currency rates more realistic in order to use them in the settlement of international accounts requires large changes in the management system and therefore could not be immediately implemented, which naturally does not obviate the necessity for undertaking other measures at the same time.

But not everyone in Poland was enthusiastic about the new international money. Some, like St. Polaczek⁴, felt that this idea was premature and the correct procedure should be to activate mechanisms of operation of national currency exchange rates and apply these exchange rates in settling accounts among CEMA countries.

It should be mentioned that the problem of national currency exchanges rates was also widely covered in the literature. In Poland this subject was discussed primarily by St. Polaczek⁵, who believed that there was an objective necessity for the introduction of a mechanism of operation of national currency exchange rates. If these rates were instituted much better conditions would be achieved for comparing prices and costs in different countries, and it would be possible for domestic price agreements to interact. And after these agreements were settled there could be discussion about the convertibility of currencies and a truly multilateral exchange.

J. Wesolowski⁶ also called attention to the need to establish national currency exchange rates and their pricing function, stressing very firmly the importance of the cost-effective analysis which can be made in the CEMA countries only if it is based on actual national currency exchange rates.

⁴"The Economic Integration of the Socialist Countries", State Publishing House, 1971, p 292.

⁵"Important Factors in the Integration of the Socialist Countries", GOSPODARKA PLANOWA, No 7, 1968.

⁶"Currency Problems in the Integration of the Socialist Countries", GOSPODARKA PLANOWA, No 8, 1968; "National Currency Exchange Rates in the Integrating Process of the CEMA Countries", ZARZ. I. SPRZET., No 10, 1971.

Some economists gave first priority to the importance of the principles of establishing foreign trade prices in CEMA countries. But regardless of the method of approach to this problem, all of them seemed to agree that the foreign trade prices in effect at that time, which were established for 5-year periods, did not reflect either the costs of manufacture in CEMA countries or the prices on the international capitalist market, although officially they should have been based on these prices after correction for the influence of changes in economic conditions and the monopolistic price policies.

Thus suggestions were made on the one hand that we set up our own price base, and on the other hand that there be a greater relationship to current world prices, i.e., that we abandon the principle of establishing prices for 5-year periods in line with the 5-year plans.

There was also the full knowledge that the prices applied in exchanges in CEMA countries could not, in view of the existing alternative of exchanges with capitalist countries, deviate from these prices. Furthermore, the ability to directly compare results of production and exchange in CEMA countries with the world market must be retained.

In considering the ways in which the forms of exchange themselves can be improved, the possibility of abandoning trade agreements that are strictly contingent upon exchange and basing it to a certain degree on expanded commodity-monetary relations was brought up. This subject was raised by St. Polaczek⁷ during a discussion. He proposed that in the area of market commodities a so-called liberalized exchange be instituted, based on the possibility of a free flow of commodities between CEMA countries outside the existing foreign trade within the framework of agreements which impose quotas on turnovers. According to him, during the initial period this exchange should encompass a small percentage of turnovers (e.g., 5-10 percent), expanding gradually on the basis of specifically named commodities on special lists. Settlement of accounts for this exchange would be made in national currencies according to actual exchange rates in accordance with domestic prices using import tariffs and export subsidies.

As already mentioned, the functioning mechanism of this new international money would also be based on a yearly increase in liberalized turnovers, also called noncontingency turnovers, until all of these turnovers would be of that type. This would mean a departure from international trade agreements in favor of agreements by economic units. The greater degree of coverage of indebtedness balances in the new money of the CEMA countries would lead to its becoming convertible.

The suggestions and postulates submitted during these discussions were somewhat mirrored in the decisions of the comprehensive program to further increase and improve the cooperation and expansion of socialist economic integration of the CEMA countries, accepted at the 25th Session of CEMA held in Bucharest on 27-29 July 1971.

⁷"Means of Expanding Exchange of Market Commodities", ZYCIE GOSPODARCZE, No 24, 1968.

Although basic changes were not made in the forms of exchange and settlement of accounts based on the new international money, as the Poles suggested, work was to have begun on the following problems:

1) commodity exchanges on which quotas were not established as a quantitative and qualitative supplement to quota exchanges. Prices on commodities in non-quota exchanges were to be fixed by the units making the exchanges, except that the settlement of accounts would be accomplished in the existing multilateral clearing in transfer rubles;

2) common currency (transfer ruble) so that it could fulfill the basic role of money, i.e., a measure of value and a means of accumulation. It was expected, therefore, that a study would be made of conditions which would ensure the reality of the exchange rate and the gold parity of the common currency (transfer ruble). There was also to be an expansion of multilateral settlement of accounts and multilateral balancing of commodity turnovers. The problem of the convertibility of the common currency (transfer ruble) into the national currencies of the CEMA countries and the reciprocal convertibility of the national currencies was also to be considered. Although the problem of the partial convertibility of the transfer ruble into convertible currencies or gold was not covered in the comprehensive program, the interested countries discussed it;

3) national currency exchange rates in order to enlarge the role of currency-financial relations and to make it possible for the countries to determine the effectiveness of economic ties, and also the possibility of introducing a common currency and national currencies with a view to reciprocal convertibility.

Thus the countries were to establish, based upon an agreed-upon methodology, economically warranted and mutually agreed-upon exchange rates or national currency conversion coefficients to the transfer ruble and among themselves. It should be mentioned that the matter of how these exchange rates are to be applied was put forth rather vaguely. It was anticipated that studies would be made on going to settlement of accounts based on a uniform exchange rate (i.e., both for nontrade and trade payments) as differences in retail and producer prices are eliminated.

The work done in this field within the framework of the CEMA Currency-Finance Commission, in accordance with the schedule as it was approved, did not, as we know, bring about any very radical changes in the currency management system of the CEMA countries.

We regret to say that as time went on the economists said less and less on the subject of currency-finance relations. The polemics died out as more and more differences were settled within the Currency-Finance Commission, as if these agreed-upon settlement were to totally solve all of the problems.

In examining the proposals of the Polish economists in the late 1960's and early 1970's from the standpoint of the feasibility of their implementation in the present reality, consideration must be given first of all to the influence in this area of the economic situation throughout the world and in the CEMA countries and the changes in the world currency management system.

As we know, the world economic situation deteriorated, particularly recently. This was due mainly to the increase in the price of crude oil which greatly changes the costs of production. As a result, all capitalist countries had great economic difficulties.

Understandably this had a negative effect on economic relations in CEMA countries, especially in the area of foreign trade with capitalist countries. To some extent our country's economic crisis affects mutual relations in the CEMA countries.

The currency management system in the capitalist countries underwent considerable change. The universal withdrawal of these countries since 1973 from fixed exchange rates based on the parity of gold in favor of fluid rates (flexible), i.e., changing according to supply and demand, forced the CEMA countries and IBEC to quote current exchange rates of convertible currencies in their own currencies and in the transfer ruble. In the late 1970's IBEC went to a system of quoting exchange rates based on a basket of the currencies which have the largest share in the turnovers of the CEMA countries. Hence the change of the exchange rate of the transfer ruble to the dollar is the resultant (arithmetic mean) of the changes in the exchange rates of the basket currencies to the dollar.

Along with changes in the currency management system of the capitalist countries came a depreciation in these countries of their national currencies under the influence of an inflationary growth of domestic prices. This growth naturally had to affect prices in foreign trade.

Because foreign trade prices between CEMA countries are fixed on the basis of world prices, in accordance with the rules in effect, a gradual increase in these prices began. This caused a steady depreciation of the transfer ruble, particularly since prices must be fixed each year. This affects the equivalency of the settlement of credit account in the CEMA countries and the value of all funds in transfer rubles. The growth of commodity prices in transfer rubles makes it possible to repay an indebtedness with lower deliveries of commodities.

At the same time there occurs in some countries a depreciation of their own national currencies under the pressure of the growth in foreign trade prices and their own inflation. This makes it necessary to periodically change the exchange rate of the national currency.

All of this leads to a certain destabilization of conditions for exchange and cooperation in the CEMA countries.

In speaking about the problem of improving currency-finance relations in CEMA countries it must be clearly stated that the matter of making settlements of accounts in transfer rubles more multilateral is still open. It is still not possible to transfer balances from bilateral trade agreements that are strictly contingent upon a quantitative exchange, and the idea of a noncontingent exchange has been long forgotten.

The settlement of accounts in national currencies according to agreed-upon exchange rates, outside of nontrade exchange, is also an open problem. Nor are there still any final agreements as to a new method of calculating the exchange rates of mutual national currencies and the currency conversion factor in nontrade payments.

Therefore, of necessity the question arises whether it would not be possible under these conditions to again put forth the idea of a new international money with a steadily expanding noncontingent exchange.

Certainly not. The differences in the internal systems of economic management are still too great, the bilateral ties are too strong, the present coordination of plans for cooperation (co-production, specialization, exchange) is too extensive, to be able to move, under the present economic difficulties, to universal, noncontingent exchange.

Nevertheless it must be said that the entire system of functioning of the new international money, although theoretically correct, was very complex and difficult to implement, although certainly it would permit mutual exchange in CEMA countries to be based on commodity-monetary relations.

It also appears to be unrealistic under the existing situation to demand that there be instituted a partial convertibility of longer balances on the multilateral accounts in IBEC to convertible currencies, despite the fact that this would, to a large degree, discipline the execution of trade agreements.

Is it then not possible at all under existing circumstances to actually make exchanges and settlement of accounts multilateral, or, if bilateral trade agreements are maintained, make settlements of accounts really multilateral?

It seems that in the immediate future it will not really be possible to base exchanges between CEMA countries on strictly commodity-monetary relations. Naturally this does not mean that this problem cannot be considered and the conditions under which this might occur be defined.

However, it is possible, and we should concern ourselves with the possibilities of at least partially making settlements of accounts really multilateral in the system of bilateral contingency agreements. Primarily by compulsory compensation of balances from bilateral relations which exist despite the appearance of being multilateral.

But we must realize that such a partial multilateralness in settlement of accounts is incredibly difficult to implement, as world practice has proven.

Equally unrealistic in the light of today's reality are suggestions that realistic and mutually agreed-upon national currency exchange rates be introduced simultaneously by all countries. Nevertheless, the initial statements that the introduction of such exchange rates by all the CEMA countries will have the following effects are completely correct:

- 1) will facilitate a correct accounting of the exchange.
- 2) will be a real criterion for making the appropriate economic decisions,
- 3) will facilitate settlement of accounts directly in national currencies or indirectly through common currency.

Thus it will be possible to compare price and cost arrangements of all interested countries, which will be the basis for international division of labor between CEMA countries.

We must clearly say that coordination of plans, even using all presently possible methods and value indexes, will not replace an economic accounting based on correct currency exchange rates. It will not replace commodity-monetary relations in the function of a detailed regulator of the sizes and structure of exchange. There will always be the fear that coordination of plans may not give full consideration to the economic bases of the international division of labor, and thus cause a growth in costs of an exchange formed in this way.

Although, as said, we do not see any possibility of simultaneous introduction, by all CEMA countries, of a mechanism of national currency exchange rates, nevertheless it is essential that the function of these exchange rates, under conditions of their variability also, should be considered, even from the theoretical standpoint.

But the basic subject of the discussion which might be helpful to practitioners, is the problem of stabilizing the value of the transfer ruble, i.e., how to counteract its depreciation. In other words, preventing the carryover of the inflationary growth of world prices to contract prices in transfer rubles. Because although the equivalent, in relation to the entire exchange, growth of contract prices will not affect the equivalency of the current exchange, it may still affect domestic prices in CEMA countries.

Naturally, one function may be a change in the exchange rate of the transfer ruble in the national currencies of the CEMA countries. But this means that the struggle with the effects of a growth in contract prices will become individualized and does not eliminate the effect of the depreciation of the transfer ruble on the overall economic relations of the CEMA countries.

As we already mentioned, this depreciation affects the real value of all medium- and long-term indebtedness and funds held by enterprises, associations and banks.

A radical counteraction to the carryover of the growth in world prices to contract prices would be an annual revaluation of the transfer ruble exchange rate in relation to convertible currencies.

The problem of revaluation is not as simple as may be assumed. Not only the method by which this revaluation must be thoroughly considered, but also its economic effects for individual countries depending on the exchanges forming within them.

The revaluation of the exchange rate of the transfer ruble in relation to convertible currencies would have to be determined in this case by the degree in drop of purchasing power of these currencies measured by the growth in world prices of commodities which are the object of exchange in CEMA countries, or the growth in prices occurring in the exchange of CEMA countries with countries with convertible currencies.

In the first case we would have a very objectivized ratio, in the second a ratio obtained from the standpoint of prices obtained in exchanges of CEMA countries. We must realize that most CEMA countries for various reasons in their exchanges with countries which have convertible currencies, obtain prices which are sometimes much lower than those appearing on the world market.

Hence the problem--on which prices should the index be based. It seems that that base should be the prices actually obtained in exchange with countries with convertible currencies, because it is they who shape the value of these currencies in the national currencies of the CEMA countries. And the expression of this value are the exchange rates. For example, we can say that the exchange rate for a dollar in zlotys is now approximately 98 zlotys, while the exchange rate of the transfer ruble is 68 zlotys, i.e., the ratio of transfer ruble to the dollar is 1.44. The difference, therefore, is substantial. It is the same in the other CEMA countries, although the average of the entire exchange should fluctuate around the IBEC exchange rate.

This would mean that some CEMA countries obtain relatively higher prices in exchange with countries with convertible currency than in exchange with CEMA countries.

Returning to the basic subject it should be said that an index of world prices would have to be maintained for those commodities which are exchanged between CEMA countries, or an index of prices obtained in exchange in CEMA countries⁸.

But we must realize that it would not be a simple matter to maintain such an index. The CEMA countries would have to keep current statistics on mutual exchange according to accepted prices and the index which results from these prices. Then they would have to report changes in the index in relation to the base year together with the value of the exchange to CEMA or IBEC in order that an overall index of price changes could be established.

Understandably all of these calculations would be made after the fact, i.e., after the year's end, or in the best case toward the end of the year so that a revaluation of the transfer ruble can be made before contract prices for the next year are established. Thus, world prices can be converted in convertible currencies into prices in transfer rubles already at the new exchange rate.

And here a new problem arises. Revaluation of the transfer ruble would be based on what happened in the past period and would be binding on the future period, while exchange rates of convertible currencies are established under

⁸ It should be noted that not all commodities appear in exchange in both areas, which will complicate the compilation of an index.

the influence of current supply and demand for currency resulting not only from the exchange of commodities but also from capital turnover .

These changes in the ratios of convertible currencies are fully reflected in the changes in their exchange rates in transfer rubles as quoted by IBEC based on the basket of principal currencies appearing in the exchange of CEMA countries. Because in reality the dollar has a large share in this basket, the drop in the exchange rate of other convertible currencies to the dollar on the world market results in a comparable growth in its exchange rate in transfer rubles when the exchange rate of other currencies in transfer rubles drops. In view of the permanence of these changes in the last 2 years the exchange rate of the dollar in a transfer ruble has grown greatly, which suggests a drop in the value of the transfer ruble. But this stems from the large share of the dollar in the basket of currencies, which we have already mentioned.

Any kind of changes in this regard, e.g., the failure to take the whole year's changes in the dollar exchange rate into account, and using quotations made at the beginning of last year in the current year, blurs the picture of the actual changes occurring in the ratios of convertible currencies on the world market. This may also have a negative effect on the fixing of world prices of commodities in dollars, which on the market or stock exchanges are shaped in convertible currencies other than the dollar.

All of these problems would have to be thoroughly considered before revaluation of the transfer ruble could be used as a method of protecting the exchange in CEMA countries against the inflationary growth of contract prices.

General speaking, revaluation would mean that all world prices expressed in dollars after conversion by the new lower exchange rate for the dollar in transfer rubles would be lower by this same percentage.

Revaluation of the transfer ruble, it must be said, will only somewhat flatten out the changes in prices which occur at different rates and cause corresponding changes in the conditions of exchange (terms of trade) for the particular CEMA countries, but will not eliminate them.

How much these conditions of exchange for a particular country will change will depend on the structure of exchange and the price change index in relation to the average index of prices for the entire exchange of CEMA countries and the revaluation of the transfer ruble which results.

A discussion on these subjects, therefore, would undoubtedly furnish the material on which the practitioners could base their decision.

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OFFICIALS CITE REASONS FOR LOW INTEREST IN HARD CURRENCY AUCTIONS

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[Article by Sławomir Lipiński: "Did the Mountain Give Birth to a Mouse?"]

[Text] The winner in the December hard currency auction was a company which needed \$1,500 to purchase tomato seeds.

The majority of the documents referring to currency auctions, collected by the NBP [Polish National Bank] Currency Department, consists of newspaper clippings. For there is no newspaper which did not announce the first auction for buying American dollars in our history, conducted a year ago with quite a bit of pomp in the blue Bank Handlowy skyscraper, built for that matter with dollars but without an auction. In this they were happy to see the next great, and rather spectacular, sign of economic reformation. However, it rapidly became apparent that the noise was inordinately great in comparison to the factual significance and effects of the auctions.

Without Emotions

The first four were conducted experimentally in spring and autumn last year on the basis of Decree No 235/82 of the Council of Ministers and the executive order of the NBP chairman of 22 February 1983 relating to it. According to this the auctions were of a very limited nature. Only state enterprises which had no account for foreign currency deductions available were admitted to it, and the dollars purchased were intended to be allotted to the development of non-luxury market goods production or to export production directed toward the capitalist countries.

At the same time an additional rather strict financial barrier was set up. The fact is that the dollar buyers had to make a deposit in the minimum amount of three times their value in a non-interest-bearing bank account. This deposit, originating from profits to be distributed, had to be frozen for 2 years. The affair was called an auction because the dollar allotment had to be decided by objective criteria, in addition to the type and importance of the market product, namely the production value squeezed out per dollar and the amount of deposit declared: the higher the better.

The organizers of the auctions and their fans did not anticipate any emotion.

They expected a mass rush of enterprises since the foreign currency hunger was escaping from the basic barrier to increased production. At the same time the effect of the experiment, namely these four auctions, was extremely paltry. There was practically no crowd nor even competition among the initial firms. A total of 24 enterprises made bids, but none of them were not even examined since they did not meet the initial criteria. As a result, during these 2 months a total of \$214,000 was sold and found their way to 10 enterprises.

An evaluation of the experiment made by NBP was dedicated mainly to finding the causes of the rather scanty interest in the auction on the part of enterprises, in comparison to the expectations. It was recognized that the financial strictions cause the most discouraging barrier. Therefore, with his ruling of 17 October 1983, the NBP president modified some principles of the auctions. The minimal size of the deposit was reduced from triple to double the value of the foreign currency purchased, and the period of freezing it was shortened from 2 years to 1 year. An essential change was permitting cooperative plants to bid as well.

It was decided that auctions would be held monthly from November 1983 to the end of 1984. At that time a final evaluation will be made to decide whether this new institution should enter economic life as a permanent practice.

However, the three auctions conducted according to the improved principles have not changed the picture of the situation. For example, of three bids made in December, only one was considered, and \$1,500 were allotted to one of the experimental horticultural plants for the purchase of tomato seeds.

Therefore the basic questions arise again, i.e., whether the auctions in the form established by the NBP chairman's rulings have any sense, and why they are so thoroughly marginal in economic practice.

Let us begin with the second question. The members of the team conducting the auctions, with whom we spoke, are in agreement that the auctions are unsuccessful mainly because the enterprises constantly have relatively easy access to foreign currency. They obtain this currency from numerous sources and, obviously, without the need to bear the burdens and without the specter of auctions for using it poorly. The conclusion is that this access must be made more difficult for them.

In this case some people accuse WOO (foreign currency deduction accounts):

At the end of 1983, 1,629 enterprises had deduction accounts (their own or collective ones). In view of the total number of enterprises recorded, this is not really so many because it is only about 25 percent of them. But if the production enterprises are considered, this percentage increases. For example, 70 percent of the production units supervised by the Ministry of Metallurgy and the Machine Industry (NMIPM) benefit from the accounts.

Therefore, the majority of the enterprises were eliminated from the auctions, although (and more about this later) many of their deductions are insufficient

and they are helped in one way or another by central distributors. They are not sufficient either, because those assisted by the deductions are coproducers without their own ROD.

Right here they have begun to implement measures to hinder access to the ROD source. As early as the middle of last year the Finance Ministry published a ruling to curb the practice of demanding a return of the currency quota, advanced by many producers with respect to domestic customers. Recently the rate of deduction has been approved. In the case of MHiPM units, approval was based on the fact that 25.2 percent of the enterprises reduced the deduction rates, while 7 percent increased them. In addition there is an intention to bar enterprises from using currency from ROD for any production other than export. All of this really makes it more difficult to obtain currency. However, even using the currency from accounts by those cooperating with the lenders does not usually arouse any questions, as practice has shown. Their own money, including that earned with difficulty, seems to be different from that obtained as a grant.

Sources of Abundance

This is all the more so because their own money, or currency from ROD, constantly forms a margin. Last year they financed scarcely 9.5 percent of our imports. More than 90 percent of the foreign currency remained in the central administration. Part, central imports in the strict sense, was in the form of raw and other materials recorded in the CPR [Central Annual Plan]. The rest is formed by ministry limits, still distributed by old means and methods, largely according to old needs and criteria which usually have nothing to do with efficiency. In this case the penetrating power of enterprises and associations largely determines the granting of an allotment.

I have taken the Predom Association, one of those with small penetrating power, as an example because it focuses on market producers. Of 23 enterprises, 13 have ROD (8 have their own accounts and the 5 others have a collective account). But each of the other 10 also needs a certain amount of foreign currency to maintain production continuity. Therefore, it looks as if they should be steady auction clients. However, up to now none of them have been.

Part of their needs (the smallest, by the way) is covered by other association members with ROD at their disposal within the framework of so-called self-aid. Last year the branch ministry helped the association with the amount of \$2.5 million, mainly distributed among the members without accounts, although not only them, because the majority did not have sufficient foreign exchange of their own. But this is not all. The enterprises of the association received more than \$1 million from MHZ [Ministry of Foreign Trade] for exports to area I, and several hundred thousand more from the Ministry of Construction (for producers of articles necessary in finishing residences) and from Agrona (for those producing goods for the countryside).

All of this made it possible to survive last year fairly well. In the fourth quarter some association firms displayed the ability to increase production above the earlier set plans, if they found additional resources for imports.

Therefore they turned to the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Services [MHWIU] with a request for an allocation. That is because it is the next central source of foreign currency provision, although only for market producers. In the previous year it had approximately \$90 million at its disposal, originating from the pertinent budgetary part of the Pewex profits. Two-thirds of this amount went specifically to aid market producers. More than 100 enterprises took advantage of it, not counting poultry producers who actually obtained most.

As a result there occurred such situations as, for example, the Service Agency of the Capital Domestic Trade Enterprise buying almost \$26,000 in the first auction with the intention of regenerating colored television tubes, while later \$150,000 were allotted for this same purpose to MHWIU.

I hear in the MHiPM Import Department that, when some company meeting the auction conditions applies with a request for dollars and there simply is no money, the auction idea is suggested to it. However, the answer then usually is that it cannot afford to freeze the amount of factory profit for distribution required. For example, if a firm wishes to buy \$100,000 today, it is necessary to put almost 20 million zlotys into a non-interest-bearing account (and this was even higher in the first auctions). The high rate of inflation and the uncertainties of tomorrow are also discouraging. Even if the factory can afford it, it first wants to investigate all other sources. This investigation usually ends successfully. A final example, if you will, is a storage battery producer. It hesitated to participate in an auction, and obtained the desired sum after some efforts in the MHZ, because batteries are also anti-import.

Thus it can be seen that the system is equipped with so many sources of easy foreign currency acquisition that, on the one hand, it makes no sense to limit ROD, while on the other participation in an auction becomes an absolutely last resort for those who do not have enough influence in any ministry, and only for those who are not as anxious to develop production as simply to maintain it. The financial strictures associated with the auctions are too severe. The cream, or doing something above the plan, is not worth the outlay. It is only worthwhile when a drop in production threatens.

Among those getting dollars by means of auctions, two enterprises, so they say, intend to be permanently associated with them. A typical example is the Production-Service Plants of the Prumel Local Industry in Pruszkow. Some 60 percent of the sales value of the plant is constituted by cookware. Each one contains a piece of imported kantel wire, hardly worth 5 cents. Thus every dollar makes it possible to produce 20 pieces of cookware worth more than 20,000 zlotys. The company does not belong to the association and cannot depend on it for aid. The founding organ, in other words, the mayor of Warsaw, is not a branch ministry, however, and has no extra dollars. The Prumel director therefore addressed himself to MHWIU. They took 8 months, during which the wire supplies were almost exhausted and, after repeated requests from the enterprise, only enough to last a couple of months was granted. They did not know about the future. Therefore, the plant dedicated 6 of its 17 million in profit for distribution and bought 20,000 dollars, guaranteeing sales of cookware worth 400 million zlotys. According to the director, they can now relax calmly for 2 years.

All Without Exception

Therefore, the benefits for it, stemming from the auctions, are obvious. They assert that the most important thing is that now they no longer have to beg and stand at the door of one of the central distributors. Even if only a few companies on the national scale benefit from the auctions, his opinion is that they are worth keeping. And it is difficult not to agree with him.

However, the matter can be looked at in a different way. If we take a serious look at the NPSG [National Socioeconomic Plan] goals and also the entire anti-inflationary program, Prumel, as a producer of desirable market goods and largely anti-import goods (among others, cylinders for compact cars), should be able to obtain foreign currency much easier than many enterprises working, for example, for industry or for investment. Because of a lack of influence and of favor among the central distributors, it pays its own type of penalty in the form of a restriction on developmental possibilities. Actually the frozen funds from profit for distribution de facto curtail the development fund. It is clear that it would be more beneficial for the economy if the development funds were frozen just for non-market producers. But there are no auctions for them. They get foreign currency directly.

The chairman of the term conducting the auctions, Director Romauld Sliwka, is optimistic. He believes the auctions will be busier. Access to foreign currency is really becoming more and more difficult. Even the capabilities of some central distributors have been curtailed. MHIPM has much less cash available in the first quarter than it had a year ago. At that time they had \$10 million for strictly market purposes. Now they have nothing.

However, it should be recalled here that every mechanism hampering enterprise access to foreign exchange has the strongest effect directly on market producers for various reasons. This is because they are usually more dependent on imports and because they do not have as much influence as magnates, and especially do not have a sponsor supporting them. Such branches, working in favor of metallurgy, mining, power or to supply the metallurgical industry magnates, have the money of the latter behind them. Basically the marketeers can count only on Minister Lakomic and Pewex dollars, or on the auctions. However, up to now the auctions have been made islands in a sea of regulations; they are to an equal degree an opportunity for marketeers and at the same time a certain type of discrimination, because here the foreign exchange is not obtained, but pays off a certain loss of profit. Increasing the auction clientele in this situation could be considered as strengthening this discrimination against industries on the development of which we depend most.

Director Silwka says: "I cannot imagine that in an economic reform it would be possible to acquire dollars other than by an auction based largely on criteria of efficiency."

He is right. But then it would be necessary to put severe restrictions on central distribution and force everyone, not only market producers, to attend these auctions. The market producers could even be given preference, such as by requiring a lower deposit from them. But at present there does not seem to be any more essential restriction of central distribution and its replacement by the above-discussed auctions.

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